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SEVERE BLOW: Hurricane-force winds and heavy downpours batter England's west coast at Blackpool on Thursday. Fierce gales hammered much of northern Europe, killing 25 people and disrupting travel for tens of thousands. **Lashed:** Storms are among the hardest to hit region | Page 9

Fed Says Economy In Danger

Bernanke urges immediate action on entitlement costs

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned on Thursday that the economy could be gravely hurt if Social Security and Medicare aren't revamped, and he urged lawmakers to tackle the nation's thorny fiscal issues sooner rather than later.

It marked the Fed chief's most forceful warning to date on the potential problems facing the United States with the looming retirement of 78 million baby boomers, the oldest of whom will start retiring next year.

This huge wave of retirees will hit the U.S. budget as well as the economy, Bernanke told the Senate Budget Committee. "I think the right time to start is about 10 years ago," he told lawmakers when questioned about the urgency of the situation.

Absent policy changes by Congress and the White House, rising budget deficits are likely in the years ahead to increase the amount of federal debt outstanding to unprecedented levels, he said. That could propel interest rates for consumers and businesses upward, which would be a worrisome development, he said.

After a bitter election season, both Democrats and Republicans on the Senate panel have promised to try to deal with the spiraling costs of federal entitlements. (AP)

REACHING Who's the Tallest One Here? To prevent falls, Humberside, England, firefighters have been ordered not to use homeowners' ladders — or any other equipment homeowners lend them — to install smoke alarms, the Sun reported. Fire and

rescue officials say the use of ladders not owned by the service during the free installation service breaks new health and safety laws. "Going up ladders is second nature to us. It's crazy," one firefighter said. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

DRINK SPECIALS

After Work? Let's **Just Take the Day Off**

You've heard of "happy hour" but how about "Happy Day"? A South Carolina House subcommittee on

Wednesday approved legislation that would allow bars and restaurants to choose one day a week, except Sundays, for all-day specials on liquor drinks. Currently, businesses can sell and advertise liquor drink specials — though not less than halfprice — from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only. Breaking the law can be punished

by at least three months in jail and a fine of at least \$100. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Doug Smith, said the proposal would legalize what many businesses already do. (AP)

COUPLES

Also Law: His Initial Is First in Monograms

Mike Buday of Los Angeles isn't married to his last name. In fact, he and his fiancee decided before they wed that he would take hers. But Buday was stunned when he couldn't simply become Mike Bijon when they married. As in most other states, that required bureaucratic paperwork well beyond what a woman must go through to change her name when marrying. Instead of completing the expensive, time-consuming pro-

cess, Buday and his wife, Diana Bijon, enlisted the help of the American

Civil Liberties Union and filed a discrimination lawsuit against the state. They claim the difficulty faced by a husband seeking to change his name is unconstitutional. (AP)



Ready to Troll

It's teeth-cleaning time at the zoo again in Middle-earth. At least, perhaps that's what this man felt like while working on the "Cave Troll" exhibit on Thursday in preparation for the "Lord of the Rings" show in Potsdam, Germany. The exhibition, being held at the Babelsberg film park, features scenes from director Peter Jackson's movie trilogy and will be open Feb. I through April 29. Meanwhile, whatever you do, don't stare too long at the all-seeing Eye of Sauron display. (EXPRESS)



Gee. I hope our taxi driver doesn't try to arrest anyone on the drive back home.

RIDES

Don't Call a Cab, Call a Cop

Residents in Shalimar, Fla., can call the police for a ride home if they have had too many drinks. The new service was posted in the town's online newsletter Jan. 2. The Shalimar police will take home residents who are too drunk to drive home from as far as 25 miles away. "Some other people do the New Year's Evething.... Why do it just on New Year's Eve?" said Tom Burns, the town manager. "We've got the capability to do it probably year-round." Residents who get stranded because of mechanical problems also can call for a ride. (AP)



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A worker removes ice-covered limbs near power lines in Oklahoma Thursday.

SAN ANTONIO

Storm Continues to Leave Much of U.S. in the Cold

A bone-rattling blast of sleet and snow kept Texas and Oklahoma residents shivering in its icy grip, while a blizzard hit north of Los Angeles as a winter storm that has been blamed for at least 65 deaths in nine states continued in much of the U.S. Another barrage was to bring up to 8 inches snow to the Plains by late Friday. (AP)

NEW YORK

Time Inc. Cuts 289 Jobs

Time Inc. is eliminating nearly 300 jobs as it continues to revamp its huge portfolio of magazines such as Time, People and Sports Illustrated in an effort to adapt as readers and advertisers move to the Internet. The giant magazine publisher, which is part of the media conglomerate Time Warner Inc., announced to its staff Thursday that it was eliminating 289 jobs in various departments across the company, which publishes about 150 magazines. (AP)

Rules for Detainee Trials Detailed

Hearsay evidence may lead to the conviction of terrorism suspects

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon's rules for upcoming detainee trials would allow terrorism suspects to be convicted and perhaps executed using hearsay evidence and some coerced testimony.

The rules are fair, said the Pen-

tagon, which released them Thursday in a manual for the expected trials. However, they could spark a fresh confrontation between the Bush administration and the Democratic-led Congress over treatment of terror suspects.

According to the 238-page manual, a detainee's lawyer could not reveal classified evidence in the person's defense until the government had a chance to review it. Suspects would be allowed to view summaries of classified evidence, not the material itself.

The new regulations are intended to track a law passed last fall by Congress restoring President Bush's plans to have special military commissions try terror-war prisoners. Those commissions had been struck down earlier in the year by the Supreme Court.

At a Pentagon briefing, Dan

Dell'Orto, deputy to the Defense Department's top counsel, said the new rules will "afford all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized people."

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said he planned to scrutinize the manual to ensure that it does not "run afoul" of the Constitution. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

House Rolls Back Big Oil Subsidies

Democrats pass final measure pledged in 1st 100 hours of control

WASHINGTON | The House of Representatives rolled back billions of dollars in oil industry subsidies Thursday in what supporters praised as a new direction in energy policy toward more renewable fuels. Critics said the action would reduce domestic oil production and increase reliance on imports.

The energy legislation was the last of six high-priority issues that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had pledged to push through during the first 100 hours of Democratic control. The bill passed by a 264-163 vote.

The bill's prospects in the Senate, where Democrats hold a narrow majority, is uncertain.

The legislation would impose a



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, center, and fellow Democratic House members applaud the work they have done in their first 100 hours of control.

"conservation fee" on oil and gas taken from deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, scrap nearly \$6 billion worth of oil industry tax breaks enacted by Congress in recent

years and seeks to recoup royalties lost to the government because of an Interior Department error in leases issued in the late 1990s. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

2nd U.S. Soldier **To Plead Guilty** In Iraq Killing

EVANSVILLE, IND. | The second of five 101st Airborne Division soldiers accused of raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and killing her, along with three members of her family, has reached a plea agreement with prosecutors, his attorney said Thursday.

Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, 24, is expected to plead guilty to rape and premeditated murder next month at Fort Campbell, Ky., attorney William Cassara said. Cassara said Cortez will no longer face the death penalty, but he would not discuss specific details of the agreement.

The March 12, 2006, killings of 14-year-old Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, her parents and younger sister in Mahmoudiya were among the worst in a series of alleged atrocities by U.S. military personnel in Iraq. (AP)

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A Humorist to the Very End

Columnist Buchwald, who laughed at death, passes away at age 81

WASHINGTON | Satirist Art Buchwald, who turned his infectious wit on the life of Washington and then on his own failing health, is dead at 81

Buchwald's son, Joel, said his father passed away quietly at his home late Wednesday with his family.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author chronicled the life and times of Washington for four decades, then cheated death and laughed in its face in a richly lived final year that medical science said he wasn't supposed to get.

Buchwald had refused dialysis treatments for his failing kidneys a year ago and was expected to die within weeks of moving to a hospice on Feb. 7, where he held court as a parade of luminaries and friends came to say farewell. But he lived to return home and even write a book about his experiences.

"I'm having a swell time," he



Art Buchwald, who refused dialysis treatments for his failing kidneys, died at 81.

"I think of a song lyric, 'What's it all about, Alfie?' I don't know how well I've done while I was here, but I'd like to think some of my printed works will persevere."

Art Buchwald says goodbye in his final column. | Today in Style

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said of his dying. "The best time of my life."

But when death didn't come nearly as quickly as expected, Buchwald wrote that he had to scrap his funeral plans, rewrite his living will, buy a new cell phone and get on with his improbable life. "I also had to start worrying about Bush again," he deadpanned. Darlene superville (AP)

Mo. Boy's Parents Fear Sexual Abuse

UNION, MO. | The parents of a teenager who had been kidnapped for more than four years told television host Oprah Winfrey in a show airing Thursday that their son has not told them directly, but they believe he was sexually abused during the time he was missing.

"OK, I'm going to go there and ask you: What do you think happened? Do you think he was sexually abused?" Winfrey asked Craig and Pam Akers, parents of 15-year-old Shawn Hornbeck.

Both nodded and said, "Yes."

The comments were broad

The comments were broadcast the day pizzeria worker Michael Devlin pleaded not



Michael Devlin pleaded not guilty to kidnapping charges on Thursday.

guilty to charges of kidnapping another boy, Ben Ownby, 13, who was found last week in Devlin's apartment with Shawn, who was on the show Thursday with his parents. (AP)

Driver Gets Life for Immigrants' Deaths

HOUSTON | A truck driver was sentenced to life in prison Thursday, avoiding a death sentence for his role in the United States' deadliest human smuggling attempt in which 19 illegal immigrants died from dehydration and suffocation inside an overheated tractor-trailer.

Tyrone Williams, 36, was convicted last month on 58 counts of

conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants.

A jury deliberated for 5 ½ days before sentencing Williams, himself an immigrant from Jamaica.

Williams looked down as the verdict was read and gave no visible reaction. His attorney, former U.S. Rep. Craig Washington, wept and wiped his eyes with a tissue. (AP)

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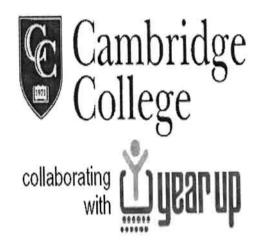
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In Brief

JERUSALEM

Israel to Release \$100M In Frozen Tax Funds to Abbas

Israel said Thursday it would free \$100 million in frozen tax funds to boost moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — the first Israeli payment since the militant Hamas group won Palestinian legislative elections last year. The move came two days before Abbas heads to Syria for talks with the top Hamas leader to forge a unity government aimed at ending an international aid boycott. The talks have sputtered for months amid deadly clashes between forces loyal to the two sides, killing 35 people. (AP)

PARIS

Top Presidential Contenders In Tight Race, Polls Indicate

France's presidential election would be too close to call if held today, according to two polls released Thursday. One of them gave a slight edge to conservative Nicolas Sarkozy, the governing UMP party's candidate, and the other showed his Socialist rival, Segolene Royal, in the lead. For weeks, polls have shown the two front-runners enjoying equal support among voters ahead of a presidential vote seen as key for a nation eager for new leadership. (AP)

Pressure Mounting on Mahdi Army

Iraqi PM claims 400 of the militia's fighters have been captured

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Mahdi Army fighters said Thursday they were under siege in their Sadr City stronghold as U.S. and Iraqi troops killed or seized key commanders in pinpoint nighttime raids. Two commanders of the Shiite militia said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has stopped protecting the group under pressure from Washington and threats from Sunni Muslim Arab governments.

The two commanders' account of a growing siege mentality inside the organization could represent a tactical and propaganda feint, but there was mounting evidence the



JOINT TASK: U.S. Army Capt. James Enos, center, and Iraqi Army 1st. Lt. Alla Sadiq, right, check a map before they sweep through an area near Ramadi on Thursday.

militia was increasingly off balance and had ordered its gunmen to melt back into the population.

On Wednesday, the prime minister said 400 Mahdi Army fighters had been detained in recent months, although an exact timeframe was not given.

The mid-level Mahdi Army commanders, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said at least five top commanders of similar standing were captured or killed in recent months, including one snatched in a night raid from his Sadr City hide-out on Tuesday. They refused to name him.

Police reported a total of 59 people killed or found dead Thursday, with the single largest toll from a triple car bombing that killed 10 in a vegetable market in Baghdad. (AP)

HEARSAY | OPTIONS

"There are many courses of action available that do not involve an open conflict with Iran there's no need for that."

-U.S. DEFENSE CHIEF ROBERT GATES
TAKING QUESTIONS IN BAHRAIN ABOUT THE
PATH AHEAD FOR U.S.-IRANIAN RELATIONS

Egyptian on Trial for Blog Musings

CAIRO, EGYPT | An Egyptian blogger went on trial Thursday on charges of insulting Islam and causing sectarian strife as a result of his Internet writings. Egypt's first prosecution of a blogger came as Washington has backed off pressure on its Mideast ally for democratic reform and improved human rights.

Egypt has arrested a string of

pro-democracy bloggers over the past year, bringing condemnation from human rights groups.

Abdel Kareem Nabil, who has been in detention since his arrest in early November, often denounced Islamic authorities and criticized Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on his Arabic-language blog. He faces up to nine years in prison if convicted on the charges.

In Thursday's court session, Nabil was charged with inciting sedition, insulting Islam, harming national unity and insulting the president, a court official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of court rules.

His defense asked for time to review the indictment against him and the trial was adjourned until Jan. 25. (AP)

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JUST CHILL: Chile's energy warriors went for the throat on Thursday, urging men to shun neckties so that offices could ease up on air conditioning. Government workers will not be required to wear ties or jackets in the summer, and officials hope the private sector will follow suit.

World

Harsh Weather Slams Into Europe

18 people killed in accidents related to heavy winds, rain

LONDON | Hurricane-force winds and heavy downpours hammered northern Europe on Thursday, killing 18 people and disrupting travel for tens of thousands — including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, whose plane was forced to circle for 15 minutes before landing amid winds gusting to 77 mph.

The storms were among the fiercest to batter northern Europe in years, ripping off part of the roof at Lord's Cricket Ground in London, toppling a crane in the Netherlands and suspending travel on the Eurostar, the train service connecting Britain with continental Europe.

By early evening, weather-relat-



WINDY CITY: A woman battles against high winds with her umbrella as a strong storm dubbed "Kyrill" by meteorologists lashes Frankfurt, Germany, on Thursday.

ed accidents had killed 18 people, including a 2-year-old boy hit by falling brick from a toppled wall in London.

Rice cut short her visit to Berlin in order to leave for London before winds worsened, landing at Heathrow Airport in winds gusting up to 77 mph.

German meteorologists recorded gusts up to 118 mph, forcing dozens of flight cancellations, prompting the national railroad to suspend service across a swath of the country and shutting schools.

Long-distance train services in Germany were "to a large extent suspended," said Hartmut Mehdorn, the chief executive of Deutsche Bahn, the national railroad. "We have never yet had such a situation in Germany."

Woman Allegedly Reappears After 19 Years in Jungle

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA | A woman who disappeared in the jungles of northeastern Cambodia as a child has been found 19 years later, police and a man claiming to be her father said Thursday.

The woman — identified as Rochom P'ngieng, 27 — does not speak any intelligible language, according to Sal Lou, a village policeman who said he is her father. Sal Lou said he recognized his daughter by a scar on her arm.

Rochom P'ngieng disappeared in 1988 while herding buffalo in a remote area, said Chea Bunthoeun, a deputy police chief in Rattanakiri province. The woman was found Saturday after a villager noticed food missing from a lunch box he left near his farm, he said. (AP)



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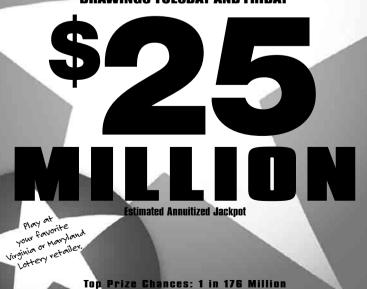
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MySpace Faces Suits Over Abuse

4 families sue social Web site after teens lured to meet adults

NEW YORK | Four families have sued News Corp. and its MySpace socialnetworking site after their underage daughters were sexually abused by adults they met on the site, lawyers for the families said Thursday.

The law firms, Barry & Loewy LLP of Austin, Texas, and Arnold & Itkin LLP of Houston said families from New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and South Carolina filed separate suits Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging negligence, recklessness, fraud and negligent misrepresentation by the companies.

"In our view, MySpace waited entirely too long to attempt to institute meaningful security measures that effectively increase the safety of their underage users," said Jason A. Itkin, an Arnold & Itkin lawyer.

The families are seeking monetary damages "in the millions of dollars," Itkin said.

Critics including parents, school officials and police have been increasingly warning of online predators at sites like MySpace.

MySpace has responded with added educational efforts and partnerships with law enforcement. The company has also placed restrictions on how adults may contact younger users on MySpace, while developing technologies such as one announced Wednesday to let parents see some aspects of their child's online profile, including the stated age.

The lawyers who filed the latest lawsuits said the plaintiffs include a 15-year-old girl from Texas who was lured to a meeting, drugged and assaulted in 2006 by an adult MySpace user, who is currently serving a 10-year sentence in Texas after pleading guilty to sexual assault. JESSICA MINTZ (AP)

WASHINGTON

Onion to Partner With Post to Launch D.C. Edition

The satiric newspaper The Onion is coming to Washington and will partner with The Washington Post, which will print the paper and sell local ads. The Onion, which also maintains a popular Web site, will retain full editorial control over the newspaper. The paper will be distributed free in news boxes and by hawkers in Washington beginning the first week in April with a planned circulation of 100,000. In addition to its fictional satire. The Onion includes an entertainment and listings section called the "A.V. Club" that features national and local content. (EXPRESS)

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.

Consumer Reports Retracts Poor Review of Car Seats

Consumer Reports on Thursday retracted a negative report on infant car seats that left many parents worried about their babies' safety — an embarrassing revelation for the venerable magazine. Consumer Reports said it was withdrawing the report because some of its test crashes were conducted at speeds higher than it had claimed. The original report said most of the seats tested "failed disastrously" in crashes at speeds as low as 35 mph. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Oil prices briefly fell below \$50 per barrel Thursday for the first time since May 2005, after the U.S. government reported larger-than-expected jumps in crude oil and gasoline inventories. Oil has dropped 17 percent since the end of 2006 amid weeks of mild winter weather in the U.S. Northeast, a key consumer of heating fuels. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Levitt	11.43	+.62	+5.7	HokuSci h	6.90	+3.80	+122.6
OxfordInds	46.55	+2.50	+5.7	Taitron	3.15	+.40	+14.5
Gotchk	11.04	+.58	+5.5	NrthBay	33.75	+3.75	+12.5
CablvNY s	30.77	+1.52	+5.2	BeijnMdPh n	8.50	+.91	+12.0
Penney	83.58	+3.97	+5.0	Iomai	5.97	+.09	+1.5
Losers				Losers			
CACI	47.22	-7.88	-14.3	NVE Corp	22.35	-7.20	-24.4
ApidIndIT s	24.16	-2.53	-9.5	NaviSite [*]	5.18	99	-16.0
AccoBrds	23.51	-2.26	-8.8	Somantc	19.91	-3.43	-14.7
Systemax	18.50	-1.65	-8.2	LamRsch	46.22	-7.91	-14.6
SRA Intl	24.46	-2.17	-8.1	KnghtCap	18.43	-3.03	-14.1

Rates Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	British Pound	.5068	.5078	.5676
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25	Canadian Dollar	1.1728	1.1730	1.1714
3-month disc	4.99	4.98	European Euro	.7717	.7733	.8260
2-year	4.89	4.86	Japanese Yen	121.26	120.67	115.20
10-year	4.75	4.74	Mexican Peso	10.9343	10.9463	10.5480
30-year	4.84	4.82	Taiwanese Dollar	32.82	32.78	32.12

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-9.22	-36.21	-4.25
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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	52.79	+1.24	+8.4
Allergan	117.62	-1.13	-1.8
AstraZen	56.93	07	+6.3
BarrPhm	54.60	+1.98	+8.9
BrMySq	26.67	20	+2.4
Cephln	73.90	+1.65	+5.0
ForestLab	54.53	+1.08	+7.8
Hospira	34.94	+.09	+4.1
JohnJn	67.71	+.84	+2.6
LillyEli	53.04	+.19	+1.8
Merck	45.74	+.73	+4.9
Pfizer	27.17	+.28	+4.9
SchergPl	24.92	+.40	+5.4
Sepracor	62.17	16	+1.0

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FBI CARUMBA! Authorities in the region are looking for weapons and other equipment stolen from two FBI vehicles Sunday morning while the cars were parked with about 20 other vandalized government vehicles on a storage lot on Capitol Hill.

Local

Center Location Chosen

Day-laborer site to be placed on land near Md. Metro station

WASHINGTON | Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett announced Thursday his intention to open the county's third day-laborer center close to the Shady Grove Metro station near Gaithersburg, Md.

A double-wide trailer would be located on a half-acre of countyowned land sandwiched between two county storage sites.

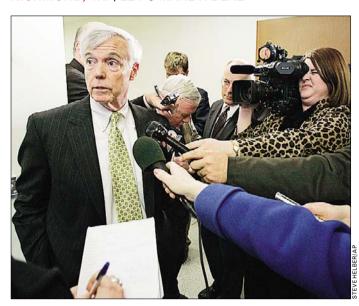
Where to locate a county-funded employment center for the mostly immigrant workers has been a source of controversy in Gaithersburg for the last year. Potential locations within the city limits prompted protests from residents and business owners, and has left dozens of workers to gather informally on the edge of a residential neighborhood.

"We are reaching out to solve a practical problem," Leggett said. "If we do nothing, this situation doesn't go away."

Leggett's pick, which is not subject to approval by the County Council, will be reviewed by the county Planning Board next month.

ANN E. MARIMOW (THE WASHINGTON POST)

RICHMOND, VA. | LET'S MAKE A DEAL



THE ROAD WARRIORS: Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates William Howell, R-Stafford, speaks at the Capitol after a Republican caucus Thursday that, he said, reached a tentative deal regarding state transportation issues.

Johnson Says Hospital System Mismanaged

County exec.: Funding for Dimensions will depend on changes

WASHINGTON | Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson on Thursday suggested mismanagement in the Maryland county's hospital system is partly to blame for its dire financial status.

At a hearing in front of state lawmakers in Annapolis, he pointed to millions of dollars of yearly losses at the Laurel Regional Hospital, one of three county facilities the private Dimensions Healthcare System operates along with the Prince George's Hospital Center. He said losses at the Laurel hospital were based "solely on inefficiencies."

Dimensions officials say \$5 million is needed immediately to keep its hospitals open. Johnson said the county would give the funding only if management changes were made.

"We'll give money, but there are going to be changes," Johnson said just after testifying before a House of Delegates subcommittee.

He said the county needed "more than a voice" on Dimensions' board of directors, which makes decisions about the critical health facilities' future. Now, Johnson appoints only one of the 11 members of the board. ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN (THE WASHINGTON BOST)

Public Hearings On Schools Open

WASHINGTON | Mayor Adrian Fenty received a responsive reception Thursday as he formally opened the city-wide dialogue on the future of the District's public schools. Fenty appeared before the entire D.C. Council at the beginning of the first of six public hearings planned to discuss school-reform initiatives. (AP)

Group effort: Fenty promises D.C.
Council a key oversight role in plan
for schools takeover. | Today's Post. Metro

by THE NUMBERS: During the next few weeks, District Department of Transportation crews will be laying speed bumps at 15 locations in Wards I, 3, 4, 7 and 8. Many of the locations are near the Maryland state line. The move is to discourage commuters from cutting through on D.C. neighborhood streets on their way back to their suburban homes. Towing of illegally parked cars on commuter routes will also increase during rush hour. (AP)

Md. Mulls Tuition Cap

→ Maryland Gov. O'Malley has proposed freezing tuition at state universities. | Today's Post, Metro

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 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
 9-2-3-5

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 Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)
 6-10-21-29-32

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 1-8-18-25-26-38 (7)

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Young professionals find an excuse to go crazy: Philanthropy

Popular opinion in a crowd of beerguzzling 20- and 30-somethings is this: Mustaches are sexy. And if not entirely sexy, then utterly hilarious.

The guzzlers are gathered at Tom Tom in Adams Morgan, Budweisers in hand, cheering and hooting at the parade of men strutting across the stage. Welcome to Washington's first Sweet 'Stache ManPageant, where facial hair is flaunted in the good name of charity.

Thrown by a group called SMASHED — formally, the Society of Mature Adults Seeking to Help, Entertain and Donate — the hirsute spectacle raised more than \$3,000 for Capital Queen for a Day, a local nonprofit group that aids children with cancer. "There's nothing that this 'stache wouldn't do for the kids," says Steve Weldon, a 26-yearold from Arlington and the newly crowned Mr. Sweet 'Stache 2006.

Consider this the changing face of philanthropy, one that looks more to the "fun" in fundraising. There is no shame in heavily imbibing, either. Hence, SMASHED's motto: "Remind me tomorrow that I helped someone today."

Events like the Sweet 'Stache ManPageant reflect are reflective of a nationwide trend: Young professionals are looking for more innovative, entertaining and entrepreneurial ways to do good.

So it's no surprise that the District - a city filled with young professionals big on networking if short on disposable income would be ripe for new twists on old do-gooding.

Ellen Shortill, a 38-year-old event planner, calls herself the copresident of cockamamie. And let's face it: As founder and co-president of SMASHED, the events she's responsible for are ridiculous.

Take the group's first event: Called the D.C. Idiotarod, the spoof last March of the famous Alaskan dogsled race had more than 130 costume-clad participants zooming shopping carts through the District's streets. Or the Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt in June, which had all the tomfoolery of the Idiotarod, minus the carts.



AMAZING RACE? A team dashes on Columbia Road during the 2006 D.C. Idiotarod. SMASHED holds creative events like the race to raise money for charity.

If the means are ridiculous, the ends are anything but: In total, SMASHED raised nearly \$9,000 for charity last year. People may speculate on how much of that money came from altruistic intentions — but, some would argue, who cares?

"You can have a great time and help somebody, or you can help somebody and have a great time," Shortill says. "It really doesn't matter."

Local bar managers say that young professionals are increasingly turning up for charity fundraisers. Brian Vasile, general manager of Tom Tom, estimates that his bar hosts at least one charity event a month in winter and about three a month in summer. At the Front Page in Dupont Circle, owner Craig Merrills estimates that more than 70

ALSO THIS SUNDAY

Must See on HDTV

The Super Bowl is just two weeks away — do you know where your HDTV is? A buying guide offers tips on going hi-def. | Business

The Life Aquatic

Whale watching, the latest wave in ships, and private island hopping are among the highlights as the Post previews cruises to get you



through the spring and summer months. | Travel

percent of the restaurant and bar's organized events are for charity.

Four years ago, Arlington resident Trisha White signed up for the 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer - which necessitated raising \$1,800. The thought was overwhelming, so White dreamed up a Babes for Boobs date auction at Whitlow's on Wilson in Arlington.

"The one thing you hear about in D.C. is that it's so hard to meet people," says White, 38. "So I thought, let's just cut to the chase: We'll just sell people."

For that inaugural auction, White auctioned 20 of her friends, both male and female, raising more than \$3,000. And on both sides of the transaction — those buying and those being bought — there is always, unapologetically, the copout: Aw, shucks, I did it for charity. JULIA FELDMEIER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Ready, Set, Do Good

→ For a list of some unconventional charity events coming up in the D.C.-areathis year and tips on how to hold one such event yourself, see Sunday's Washington Post. | SUNDAY SOURCE



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WIZARDS

Free-Falling: Antonio Daniels' aggressive style often lands him on the floor. But the veteran guard provides a spark from the bench. | 18

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LACES OUT: Adam Vinatieri will go down in history as one of the game's clutch kickers. He has made 34 postseason field goals.

Here's the Kicker

The always-clutch Vinatieri could give the boot to his old team

NFL PLAYOFFS | This is Adam Vinatieri's favorite time of year.

Each playoff week, the two-time Super Bowl hero seems to reinforce his reputation as the NFL's best clutch kicker. Give Vinatieri an opportunity to win a postseason







game, and he's money.

anapolis' biggest offseason addition might get a chance to boot his former team, New England, right out of the playoffs.

Vinatieri has continually insisted he's not motivated by the rivalry between Indianapolis and New England, or even the chance to show his former team it made a mistake. He's content with making more meaningful kicks than anyone in NFL history.

"You try not to let all the implications and all the extra hype get to you," Vinatieri said after he kicked five field goals in Indianapolis' 15-6 victory over Baltimore Saturday. "You try to go out there and focus in on what you're doing and hope for the best."

During the past decade, nobody's

up that image.

Last weekend he made all five field goal attempts to break the career record for most postseason field goals (34). He's made two lastsecond kicks in Super Bowls for the Patriots, a 42-yarder to force overtime against Oakland in a blizzard, and a 35-yarder to eventually win that playoff game.

On Sunday, Vinatieri's shoe will be on the other sideline.

Vinatieri has been comfortable kicking indoors for the Colts (14-4), and his soft-spoken, cautious demeanor seems perfectly suited to pressure situations — a stark contrast to Indy's former kicker, the brash Mike Vanderjagt.

Still, New England coach Bill Belichick thought he could find a better bargain and a younger foot to provide longer kickoffs in the offseason. So when the Patriots didn't re-sign free agent Vinatieri quickly, he found a new home with one of

Once you get to this

level, every game seems like it's one or two plays that make the difference."

COLTS KICKER ADAM VINATIERI ON HIS MIND-SET GOING OUT FOR A KICK

New England's main rivals.

Indianapolis couldn't be happier with the results.

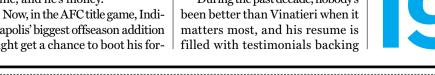
A year ago, the Colts were knocked out of the playoffs when Vanderjagt, the NFL's most accurate kicker, shanked a 46-yard field goal that would have forced overtime against Pittsburgh. Instead, they went home with a 21-18 loss.

Vinatieri changed the equation this year by hitting all eight field goals in the playoffs, including a crucial 51-yarder that clipped the top of the crossbar and bounced across in Sunday's kickfest at Baltimore.

"When he walks out there, you always feel like he's not going to miss," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "That was our whole goal when he was at New England, was you can't let him get close enough in a situation where a field goal is going to do it. I don't remember him missing in four or five years against me."

The Colts hope he doesn't start NOW. MICHAEL MAROT (AP)

THE NUMBER OF career game-winning field goals kicked by Adam Vinatieri with less than one minute to play in regulation or in overtime. Mr. Clutch has also made an NFL record 34 postseason field goals, and he is the only kicker in NFL history to make field goals in three Super Bowls.







After a tough road trip, Chris Clark, right and the Caps return home on Saturday.

→ NO PLACE LIKE HOME: On their recent road trip, the Capitals wished they could have just clicked their skates and gone home. Now they finally are. as they drop the puck with the Panthers on Saturday (1 p.m. on CSN), their last game before the All-Star break.



Thompson

→ ROAD TRIP:

Georgetown, Maryland and GW all leave the comfortable confines of their home courts this weekend to battle conference rivals. On

Friday, coach John Thompson III leads the Hoyas up I-95 to play Seton Hall (7:30 p.m. on MASN), and on Sunday the Terrapins play Virginia Tech (7:30 p.m. on FSN), as the GW women battle Xavier (2 p.m. on ESPN2).

→ EASTERN EXTRAVAGANZA:

This weekend, the Wizards battle two conference foes. They travel south to play the young and talented Orlando Magic on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN), and, on Saturday, come back to D.C. to host the Boston Celtics (8 p.m. on CSN).

→ ONE STEP CLOSER: The NFC and AFC champions will be crowned Sunday as the Saints visit the Bears (3 p.m. on FOX) for the NFC title and the Patriots square off against the Colts (6: 30 p.m. on CBS) for the AFC title.

→ **HEATWAVE**: Players combat 100-degree temperatures, as the early rounds of the Australian Open continue all weekend on ESPN and ESPN2.



SWIMMING | The Long Way Home Daredevil Slovenian swimmer Martin Strel plans to embark on a 70-day swim down the Amazon, according to local media in Brazil. Strel, who has already swum the Yangtze, Danube and Mississippi rivers, will start the 3,370-mile swim on Feb. I. Strel said he had nightmares after thinking about the piranhas, candiru and other dangers that await him. "I'm going to swim in the middle of the river, where there is less of a chance of encountering dangerous fish and venomous snakes," Strel said. (EXPRESS)





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Sports Weekend

Bears' Burly Backs

RBs Jones and Benson hope to carry Chicago to a Super Bowl berth

NFL PLAYOFFS | Their lockers are close, although anyone could be forgiven for assuming there's a fairly large gap in the relationship between Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson.

It seems that way at times, even though Jones wanted to put that thought to rest Wednesday.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "all the running backs have a great relationship."

The Chicago Bears would reach the Super Bowl for the first time in 21 years with a win over New Orleans on Sunday. And their chances may hinge on how well Jones and Benson perform.

The two are rarely seen talking, let alone engaging in the usual locker room banter. They've acknowledged their relationship is professional, and Benson has made it clear he wants Jones' job.

For now though, Jones remains the No. 1 running back and Benson the primary backup. More importantly, the two must coexist this Sunday in the NFC Championship game, as they did last Sunday



RB Thomas Jones prances into the end zone last weekend against Seattle.

when Jones rushed for 66 vards and two touchdowns and Benson contributed 45 yards as the Bears beat Seattle 27-24 in overtime.

For Jones, this season has been exciting. He was stuck on bad teams in Arizona his first three years in the league and spent the 2003 season with a Tampa Bay team that went 7-9, before he moved to Chicago. Now he is close to reaching the Super Bowl - a notion that seemed unlikely a few years ago — and he can barely contain his excitement.

HEAD TO HEAD





DREW BREES

BRIAN URLACHER

→ Will Brees be able to avoid the Bears' middle linebacker, the leader of their staunch Cover 2?

The Saints Pro Bowl OB is having a career year, throwing for 26 scores and over 4,500 yards. However, he has not faced off against a defense like the Chicago Bears, led by Urlacher, who recorded 141 tackles this season and is also headed to the Pro Bowl. For Brees to break the Bears' tight defense, he has to have his head on a swivel, always looking to see where Urlacher is.

"This is a very exciting time for our football team and the city of Chicago. We have the opportunity of a lifetime in front of us, and we understand that and hope to take advantage of it this weekend." ANDREW SELIGMAN (AP)

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Will Mystique Be Enough?

Colts have to play the playoff-tested Patriots but get to do it at home

FOOTBALL PICKS | The folks who make the odds have decided the Indianapolis Colts' home turf is worth more than what Tony Dungy calls the "Patriots' mystique."

So that means the Colts are three-point favorites over New England in Sunday's AFC championship game.

It makes a certain amount of sense. Not so much because of Pevton Manning and his receivers, but because of defense - Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, the Colts' defensive ends, are speed rushers who can use the traction of the arti-



Tom Brady could face heavy pressure from the Colts' speedy defensive ends.

ficial turf to get to New England quarterback Tom Brady.

"You have to play them and not

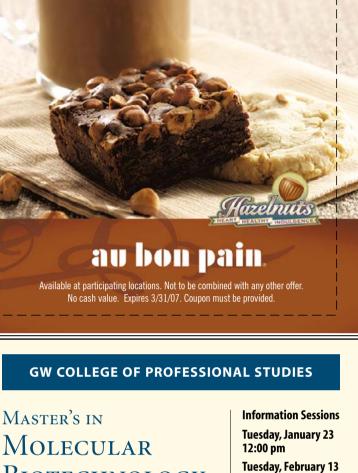
their mystique and that's hard to do," Dungy says.

Forget mystique. COLTS, 24-20.

→ NEW ORLEANS (PLUS 2 1/2) at CHICAGO. Make it simple. Drew Brees is consistent. Rex Grossman is not, although he played quite well last week in the overtime win over Seattle.

But remember the word "overtime." It took that against the stumbling Seahawks, a cursed team all year. And being at home didn't help much.

New Orleans can pound the ball with Deuce McAllister and run outside with Reggie Bush. The Bears have had problems stopping the run since Mike Brown and then Tommie Harris were hurt. SAINTS, 27-17. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)



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Weekend sports



Maryland senior forward Ekene Ibekwe, left, got into foul trouble early last week against Virginia. The Cavs shot 49 free throws in the game and converted 39.

For Maryland, Foul Play Hurts

Lack of depth hurts the Terps when starters are forced to the bench

TERPS HOOPS | There is only one word to describe Maryland's performance in Tuesday's loss to Virginia in Charlottesville.

Foul.

And, of course, there are two simple words of advice that would go a long way toward putting the Terrapins back on track when they visit Virginia Tech on Sunday.

Don't foul.

The sound of the officials whistling infraction after infraction against the Terrapins players must have sounded to coach Gary Williams like an endless scratching of fingernails across a chalkboard.

By game's end, three players had fouled out and two more teetered on the edge with four fouls. The Cavaliers went to the free-throw line 49 times, converting 39 into free points.

"We were gambling," Williams told reporters after the game. "We had a lot of guys out there with four, and the problem with that is sometimes guys don't play hard because they're worried about getting their fifth."

That tentativeness contributed to a porous defense and to Maryland (15-4, 1-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) being out-rebounded 48-36, a failure difficult to overcome.

The Terrapins' inability to handle such challenges suggests that the team's depth could present a problem. With senior big man Ekene Ibekwe in foul trouble, Williams turned to 7-foot-tall Will Bowers. The senior is a big body in the post area but is an offensive liability and has never become an aggressive rebounder.

Junior Bambale Osby, a junior college transfer, showed flashes of potential early in the season, but his production has waned. Williams referred to him as "lost" in recent weeks.

It won't get any easier. Virginia Tech has defeated both then-No. 5 Duke and then-No. 1 North Carolina in recent weeks.

"You have to have confidence that you can play," Williams said. "We play five of our first eight [in the ACC] on the road, so we're on a tough stretch with our schedule." DEREK TURNER

An Ode to the Old Style

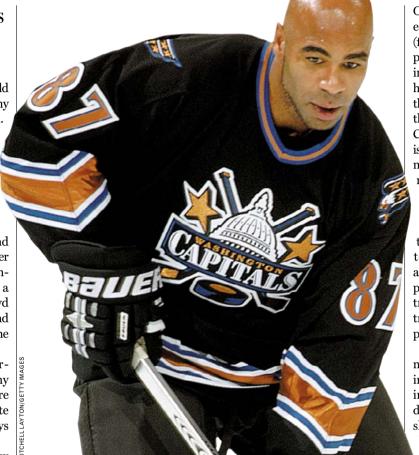
Caps' Brashear brings his physical play to the ice every night

CAPITALS | Donald Brashear would tell you that times like this are why the NHL needs players like him. The Washington Capitals are up against it, the breaks are beating the boys and the injury-riddled team has slid further from the playoff picture, thanks to 10 defeats in the 14 games prior to last night's contest in Carolina.

Enter the 6-foot-2, 234-pound enforcer, who's built a 16-vear career out of an ability to reverse momentum. Nothing breathes life into a moribund team or a quiet crowd like a big hit or some fisticuffs, and few are as qualified to deliver as the imposing Indiana native.

"That's our job. We're energy. We're role players, and at any given time we want to be out there trying to hit somebody, intimidate them or get a fight to get the guys going," he said.

In addition to watching over Alex



Ovechkin, Brashear has accumulated 108 penalty minutes this season (fourth in the NHL) and been suspended twice. He fought five times in five games a few weeks back and his genuine desire to take one for the team has earned respect in both the Verizon Center stands and the Caps locker room. Brashear said he is enjoying "probably the best year of my career," a career that he thought might end when teams started opting for faster, more skillful players following the 2004-05 lockout.

"I didn't know if I was going to have a job. I sent a lot of memos to teams and not a lot of them answered back," he said. "Physical play was always part of hockey. I'm trying to show the people that are trying to take it away that it's still part of the game."

But Brashear is a hockey player. not a goon, which is why he's still in the league. "The guys who were intelligent enough to not be onedimensional and work on their skills and work on their skating," have survived, Caps coach Glen Hanlon said. BRIAN STRAUS



This season, Michael Vick became the first QB to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

Falcons' QB Vick In Trouble Again

NFL | For the third time in nine months, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick is making headlines for all the wrong reasons.

Vick reluctantly surrendered a water bottle to security at Miami International Airport that smelled like marijuana and contained a substance in a hidden compartment. He was not arrested and was allowed to board an AirTran flight that landed in Atlanta before noon Wednesday.

Miami police said it could be weeks before a decision is made about whether to file charges against the three-time Pro Bowler. (AP)

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WIZARDS | BY MATT SWENSON

Caron Deserves An All-Star Nod

THE WASHINGTON WIZARDS should call Kwame Brown every day and thank him.

A big stiff while here, the former No. 1 overall draft pick sure left the team a nice parting gift.

That, of course, would be Caron Butler - who the Lakers unbelievably traded to the Wiz for Brown two summers go.

Lost a bit in the shadow of Gilbert Arenas' year of years has been Butler's play.

Until Wednesday night, he hadn't hit any game winners — talk about a way to nullify the Knicks' double-teaming of Arenas — and it's doubtful Diddy has ever hosted one of his birthday parties.

Butler just goes out each night and gets about 21 points and eight rebounds.

Rather, Butler just goes out each night and gets about 21 points and eight rebounds. Only Toronto's Chris Bosh puts up better numbers among East forwards.

Bosh is certainly an All-Star, and Butler deserves a spot in the

Yet he's nowhere to be found among the leading vote-getters. Chris Webber has more votes and the pathetic 76ers just cut him.

The Wizards' success justifies a second All-Star, and they have their perfect candidate.

Luckily, fans only pick the starters for the February game played in Las Vegas this year. You'd like to think NBA coaches, who choose the rest of the All-Star players, can recognize a deserving player when they see one.

If not, maybe Diddy can throw a make-up bash for Butler. He'd just better invite Brown, as well.

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TAKE A HIT: Antonio Daniels, left, is fouled by Lorenzen Wright in a game against the Hawks this season. Daniels is fifth on the Wizards in both points and minutes.

Daniels Is Far From Grounded

Veteran guard plays with reckless abandon to spark Wizards

WIZARDS | He's a pinball with legs.

Antonio Daniels snags an outlet pass and immediately turns to run. The 10th-year veteran — shoulders violently swerving - crosses halfcourt, finds a crease, and kicks it into fifth gear on a mad dash to the basket.

He gets into the paint, finds a way to bump into at least one - if not two or three - opponents, and lays the ball off the glass on the way to two more free throws.

Nine and a half times out of 10, he ends up somewhere on the ground. On rare occasions, he finishes laying face up, so he can see if his shot falls.

Daniels has carved out an integral role as not only Washington's sixth man, but also as its spark off the bench. And with the halfway point fast approaching, Daniels figures to see more playing time as the regulars begin to drag.

"When you have balance across the board ... any team is tough to beat," Daniels said. "[Gilbert Arenas] can't score 40 points every night. That's the job of the supporting cast."

The Wizards (22-16) will again go as far as the trio of Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler can carry them. But Daniels is again playing a big role as the mid-game facilitator of head coach Eddie Jordan's running philosophy.

But Daniels is worth more than a few sprints and a few fouls. Through Wednesday's games, he's tops among NBA regulars in assistto-turnover ratio (4.29 to 1). He's also averaging 6.7 points and 21.8 minutes per game - both good for fifth on the team.

And then there are the intangibles. Daniels has made the playoffs in seven of his previous nine seasons in the league, including winning a title with San Antonio in 1998-99. He parlays that experience into a secondary coaching role at times, especially when it comes to helping Washington's superstar.

"With Gil, that's something I've done from Day 1," Daniels said. "Any opportunity I get to help him out and tell him something I feel will pay off for him, I do it. I learned some things from a lot of veterans I played with [in San Antonio]." FRIC BRANDNER

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Historic Sequels

The 2007 box office is shaping up to be the most popular ever

THE BIG SHOW | There are big years for movies, and there are BIG years. Then there's 2007, which has some Hollywood types thinking a record box office year may be at hand.

The month of May alone has dollar signs dancing in studio executives' heads as the third installments in three of the all-time biggest movie franchises hit theaters within a three-week span. First up, "Spider-Man 3," with Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst returning as the young superhero and his dreamgirl. Next comes "Shrek the Third," with Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy and Antonio Banderas back as mouthpieces of the lovable animated fairytale kooks. Then there's "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," with Johnny Depp continuing the cliffhanger left from last summer's blockbuster.

Two other heavyweights follow soon after: the animated "Ratatouille," a comedy about a gourmet rodent from the Disney-Pixar partnership; and "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," with Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint going back to wizardry school in the fantasy series' fifth chapter.

"There is a lot to see," said Maguire, whose boyish Peter Parker — the nerd turned superhero by a mutant arachnid's bite — finds himself wrestling with his dark side just when he thought he'd gotten his act together in "Spider-Man 3."

"Things are going pretty well for Peter. He's got his girl, he's got his job and school. He's kind of just managing his whole life," Maguire said. "Generally, Peter's in a good state. Of course, it doesn't stay that way."

If they matched the business their predecessors have done, those five films alone would account for nearly 20 percent of the \$9.4 billion haul that all movies rang up domestically last year.

The schedule is so loaded that even the sequels "Ocean's Thirteen," "The Bourne Ultimatum," "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" and "Rush Hour 3" would make for an impressive summer. Plus, there's an animated lineup that includes a big-screen take on "The Simpsons."

Winter and spring have some intriguing movie prospects, including comedies from Eddie Murphy ("Norbit") and Will Ferrell ("Blades of Glory"), a dramatic turn from Adam Sandler ("Reign Over Me"), and thrillers featuring Hilary Swank ("The Reaping") and Sandra Bullock ("Premonition").

The fall and holiday season presents such highlights as Will Smith in the apocalyptic tale "I Am Legend," Nicolas Cage in the sequel "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," Nicole Kidman in the fantasy "The Golden Compass," Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe in the crime saga "American Gangster" and the voices of Jerry Seinfeld and Renee Zellweger in the animated comedy "Bee Movie."

But, as usual, the real heavy hitters are crowded into summer.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



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I want to enroll in a beginner hiphop class. Do you know of any dance studios or gyms that offer that around the Arlington or D.C. (Metro-accessible) area?

Joy of Motion offers hip-hop classes — including one for beginners! — but it looks like some of the Metroaccessible ones may already be full. Check out their Web site, though. Even if you can't find a class right now, a new session should start again in March. My friend takes jazz classes at Joy of Motion's Friendship Heights studio and likes it a lot.

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Peter O'Toole might be Oscar-bound after the charming 'Venus'

FILM | A few years back, Peter O'Toole initially balked at accepting an honorary Academy Award, saying he still had a chance to win one outright despite going O-for-7 with previous nominations. He may have been right. In "Venus," direc-

tor Roger Michell's tale of an aging actor in a wishful almost-romance with a young woman, O'Toole is back in all his randy, reprobate glory, with a role so charming, funny and melancholy it's hard to imagine he won't pick up another best-actor nomination.

O'Toole's Maurice essentially is running out the clock when the coarse yet saucy grandniece (Jodie Whittaker) of an acting buddy (Les-



BRIGHT 'VENUS': Peter O'Toole's genius shines through his haunted baby blues.

lie Phillips) comes into his life, reviving his rusty libido. All the joys, regrets, triumphs and sorrows of Maurice's life are etched in the lines of O'Toole's face, his alternately sparkling and haunted eyes, the variations in his sometimes booming, sometimes quivering voice. Vanessa Redgrave shares some wonderful moments with O'Toole as Maurice's abandoned wife.



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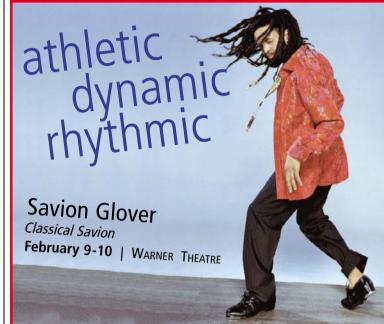
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ALPHA DOG (R. 117 minutes) This movie tells the story of Jesse James Hollywood, here fictionalized as Johnny Truelove. who at 20 was one of the youngest men in history on the FBI's most wanted list. The movie suffers from an uncertain structure, but it boasts an extraordinary naturalism, not particularly flattering. The movie belongs to its youngsters, and it's a real eye-opener. (sн)

APOCALYPTO (R, 135 minutes) Mel Gibson's new film is set in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula in vaquely pre-Columbian times, in that seemingly endless epoch when the mighty Mayan citystates ruled supreme. Our hero is one Jaguar Paw (brilliant Rudy Youngblood), of an indigenous forest people who live happy, simple lives. But one morning, the Mayas arrive in force. The results are not pretty. You can see where this is going, but that doesn't really prevent you from enjoying it immensely. (sн)

BABEL (R, 142 minutes) Director Aleiandro González Iñárritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga tell multiple stories in multiple locations around the globe. Each tale is completely compelling on its own, and Iñárritu also proves superb at working with amateur actors. Yet as sophisticated a piece of filmmaking as it is, it seems hamstrung by the banality at its center and it never assembles into a satisfying whole. (sн)

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG, 94 minutes) This CGI movie is based on the children's book "Arthur and the Minimovs," The precocious and imaginative Arthur minimizes himself to join the world of the almost microscopic Minimoys. The movie is easy to lightly enjoy, but it isn't quite so easy to love because French director Luc Besson has devoted more attention to technology and his visual schemes than to making a propulsive story. (рт)

BLOOD DIAMOND (R, 125 minutes) Pounding action, pulse-quickening adventure and of-the-moment politics animate this mostly great thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio. He plays a smuggler named who finds himself a mercenary middleman between rebels in Sierra Leone and European diamond merchants. Things get out of hand during the last half-hour, but the movie is a gem. (AH)

BORAT (R, 89 minutes) Borat, played with seamless disingenuousness by Sacha Baron Cohen, has come to America to



SIR, I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE A NECK LIKE A SHAR-PEI'S: "Pan's Labyrinth" is filled with all sorts of wrinkles.

make a feature-length documentary for the people of his home country. As Borat cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath, no petard goes unhoisted. It's a spectacle that delivers squeals, howls or at least low-level chuckles. The movie is a perfect combination of slapstick and satire. (AH)

CASINO ROYALE (PG-13, 140 minutes) Reinventing James Bond as a kind of Navy SEAL with an attitude problem, this movie turns out to be cracking good entertainment. Daniel Craig kicks major maximus as a Bond who'd never use a computer where a punch will do. And he is seeminaly the first Bond to actually bleed. Half an hour too long and with too many villains, the movie nevertheless proves you seldom go wrong if you make a movie that leaves you stirred, not shaken. (SH)

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G, 98 minutes) E.B. White's children's book starring Wilbur the curly-tailed runt, his human friend, Fern and spider Charlotte has been charming kids into bed forever. Those kids and their children can rest assured that the movie shares their reverence. The performers, at times, sound as if they're doing a casual read-through before the actual show - but their relaxed spirit is subtly satisfying. (DT)

CHILDREN OF MEN (R, 106 minutes) This audacious, sweeping, sobering and exhilarating film stars Clive Owen as a bureaucrat in 2027 London, the last outpost of the closest thing to civilization

in a world gripped by pandemic infertility and a worldwide immigration crisis. When Owen's character, Theo, is pulled back into his activist past by his former lover. he embarks on an epic chase adventure in

which the motivation is nothing less than the survival of the human race. (AH) **CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13.84** minutes) In this by-the-numbers action comedy, stand-up comedian Cedric the



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THROUGH JAN. 25. Landmark's E Street Cinema presents D.C.'s 15th annual German-language film fest. Among the 10 new films offered is "Wholetrain," pictured, about four young artists who make-up a Munich graffiti gang that, when challenged by a rival gang, resolves to "Borf"-icate an entire train one night. "Wholetrain" director Florian Gaag will discuss his film with Variety film critic Eddie Cockrell after it screens on Sunday. There's an opening night viewing of "Summer in Berlin" and subsequent reception at the Goethe-Institut Friday night featuring complimentary booze and food from Old Europe and other establishments. For more information on all the movies, visit goethe.de/ins/us/was/enindex.htm. TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

Entertainer plays a humble janitor who awakes one day in a strange hotel room with a dead guy at his side; he's lost his memory and spends the rest of the movie trying to figure out why he's having flashbacks of being an elite spy and why the FBI is after him. There's absolutely nothing to recommend this movie. (AH)

CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R, 114 minutes) Zhang Yimou's film is a kind of feast, kitschy and grand all at once. The great Chow Yun Fat plays the Emperor Ping, home from the wars at last, eager to lose himself in the bosom of his family. Except that everyone is busy plotting against one another. The emperor's wife (Gong Li) has a grudge against him: He's slowly killing her with poison. The movie substitutes spectacle for emotional intimacy, and Chow has been better. But that all but concedes the film to Gong, who gives a grand, operatic performance. (SH)

DEJA VU (PG-13, 128 minutes) ATF agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington) goes back in time to unravel a crime. The movie attempts to explain the "science" behind the movie's time-jumping, but in a drama that's contemporary and supposedly realistic, it comes off as cockamamie. (DT)

THE DEPARTED (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish mob in Boston. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence, (AH)

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing, pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. (AH)

ERAGON (PG, 99 minutes) In the gorgeous middle earth that is Alagaesia, the evil Galbatorix (John Malkovich) has destroyed all the dragon riders and taken over. Meanwhile, a young beauty played dimly by Sienna Guillory escapes from his castle with the last dragon egg, which she manages to deliver to farm boyarcher Eragon, fated to be the new dragon rider. After the bad acting by the slumming great actors, the next best thing in the picture is the dragon. (SH)

FLUSHED AWAY (PG, 87 minutes) This first computer-generated cartoon by Aardman Animations — best known for Nick Park's brilliant "Wallace & Gromit"

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Hands in My Pockets

THE 1986 HORROR FLICK about a sinister hitchhiker who terrorizes those unwitting enough to give him a ride gets remade courtesy of producer Michael Bay and director Dave Meyers. Naturally, it wasn't screened for critics in advance because Bay and Meyers wouldn't want to see all those punny "Thumbs Down" headlines the day this blood fest hits the multiplexes. Sean Bean replaces Rutger Hauer as the hitchhitcher, though he looks an awful lot like the man who's been called "the Dutch Paul Newman" (but minus the talent, right?). Christopher Porter (express)



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franchise — does away with the clay but leaves the craft and emotion intact. When circumstances conspire to send Roddy, a pet mouse (Hugh Jackman), down the loo and into a sewer-level London populated by rats, toads, the odd frog and a charming Greek chorus of slugs, he discovers what's really important in life. Shot through with cheeky wit and hilarious musical numbers by slugs. (AH)

FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13, 123 minutes) When will the students ditch their attitude and love the teacher — the one trying so hard to reach them? And why do we keep falling for movies as cut and dried as these? Perhaps because these films reinforce our need to see teachers as sensitive heroes. By the simple force of her acting, Hilary Swank (as real-life English teacher Erin Gruwell) is compelling as she faces the hostility of her students. (рт)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R, 157 minutes) Edward Wilson (Matt Damon) is from one of those old families—the ones that knew everybody, got the best jobs and knew which wine went with which course. The thrust of the film is his journey to becoming a Central Intelligence Agency player of the '60s, but his investigation stops to wander through history, tracking what may be Edward's growth or his damnation. The movie is serious adult moviemaking from director Robert De Niro, a man deeply interested in the art, craft and psychology of espionage. (sн)

HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG, 87 minutes) From the number of walkouts at a recent screening, this slick piece of computer animation that can be described as a family film only in the sense that it's a film the whole family will want to avoid, will open quietly, do no business and be quickly forgotten. This movie winds up answering the question of what "Shrek" hath wrought, and between its plasticlooking visuals and cynical attitude, the news isn't good. (AH)

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN. RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

This may be the last time you read about Benjy Ferree in this space for a while. But we have to, again, hype his first headlining gig on the BLACK CAT'S mainstage, because it punctuates a whirlwind few months that have seen Ferree go from local secret to minor indie-rock star. Signing to Domino Records — the biggest little label around — was the highlight, but he opened a big sold-out Spoon show in New York two weeks ago and has also conquered the blogosphere. It's hard to resist his sometimes jaunty, sometimes woozy backporch folk-rock tunes on record - and it's almost impossible to do so in a live setting. The alllocal bill is rounded out by Meredith Bragg and the Terminals and Greenland.

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Hugh Masekela was a member of a group of exiled South African musicians who found international fame while contributing to the fight against apartheid at home. After four decades in the business, he's as comfortable headlining at the Kennedy Center as he is giving a leg up to young South African artists. When you see Masekela live, the gravity of the man's achievements fade into an easy familiarity, as it seems that you're at the knee of an uncle who tells great stories punctuated with melodic bursts from his flugelhorn. He's doing one of his periodic gigs at ZANZIBAR, an incredibly intimate venue for an artist of his magnitude. At \$25, it would be a travesty not to experience one of these shows at least once.

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Hugh Masekela pioneered a fusion of iazz, pop and indigenous African music.

Tom Koerner and Debra Sternberg have added a new monthly event with live music. Held at STRATH-MORE'S CITYDANCE CENTER, the venue has amenities dancers crave — air conditioning and a sprung-wood floor that's light on the joints — as well as covered parking and direct access to the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro station. Tonight's kickoff features Solomon Douglas, the pianist featured in the current incarnation of the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Tickets are \$15 and include a half-hour dance lesson.

Meanwhile, the GLEN ECHO SPANISH BALLROOM hosts the Boilermaker Jazz Band, a Pittsburgh group that delivers some of the hottest '30s small-group swing we've ever Lindy Hopped to. That should set the mood nicely for a couples' dance contest — entry is free with admission — with a \$100 prize. Pay \$13 at the door and dance from 9 p.m. until midnight; an introductory lesson begins at 8 p.m.

Yeah Yeahs' guitarist Nick Zinner will be spinning his favorite records at the ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL. Feel free to ask him all kinds of questions, like when the band's next album is coming out, or why "Gold Lion" sounds so much like a Love and Rockets song. We kid. Admission's free before 10 p.m. and \$10 after.

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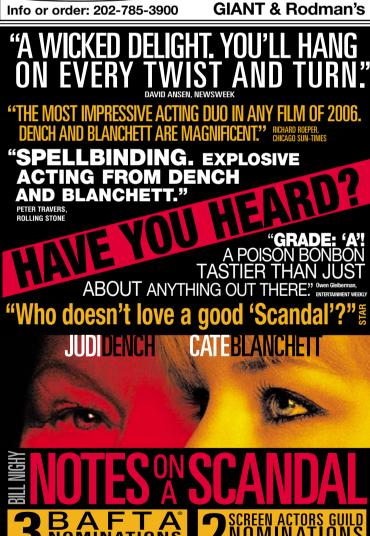


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HAPPY FEET (PG, 98 minutes) Anyone watching this computer-animated flick about an adorable tap-dancing penguin named Mumble is going to, well, flip. Mumble (Elijah Wood) realizes he can't sing, let alone come up with the special "heart song" every able-bodied penguin needs to attract a mate. But the croaky fuzz ball sure can hoof. The movie's terrific songs are a warm cushion of welcome, (рт)

THE HISTORY BOYS (R, 104 minutes) The sentimental subject of this movie is a group of eight boys at a secondary school in England who have done so well on their exams that all have qualified as finalists for Oxford or Cambridge.The actors in all the major roles are holdovers from the stage version, which playwright Alan Bennett adapted for the screen. They modulate their performance admirably, even if the film is not quite as engaging as the play. (PETER MARKS)

THE HOLIDAY (PG-13, 131 minutes) This overproduced romantic comedy doesn't even qualify as fluff; it's featureless plastic. Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet play two professionals who are romantic failures. The result is an interminable, unromantic series of setups and payoffs. (AH) INLAND EMPIRE (R, 172 minutes) This movie, directed by David Lynch, was photographed entirely on digital video. It opens in a kind of erotic dream, the two principals acting out a verbal pas de deux with their faces mechanically blurred. There are lots of set pieces in Polish, recurring tropes and several meticulously staged non sequiturs. God help us, there's even a monkey. What's it all about? Who knows? (AH)

Entertainment

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor, (sн)

LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R, 140 minutes) Clint Fastwood's film starts and stops on "Sulphur Island," where on Feb. 19, 1945, two divisions of Marines came ashore in what would be one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Like his "Flags of Our Fathers," it isn't really a history of a battle. In the last half-hour, the story. loses its way; lacking any clear-cut goals except survival, the film becomes repetitive. It's a necessary movie; too bad it's not a great movie. (sн)



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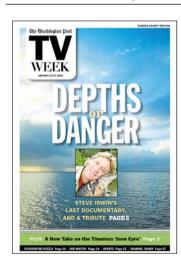
LITTLE CHILDREN (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. (DT)

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R, 101 minutes) Throw a quirky family in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening and really, really funny. (JENNIFER FREY)

LIVE AND BECOME (Unrated, 140 minutes) Ethiopian Jews and their repatriation to the Holy Land is the political context for Radu Mihaileanu's mostly affecting story of an Ethiopian boy who becomes an accidental part of that communal history. (рт)

MISS POTTER (PG, 92 minutes) In this film about children's author Beatrix Potter (Renee Zellweger), we learn about the

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restrictive household in which she lived and how she takes comfort in the animals she befriends, adopts and anthropomorphizes in her stories. When Beatrix falls in love with Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), her publisher, her parents object to the union because Norman works for a living. If the movie is respectful and factually informative, it's also tightly corseted. (nt)

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG, 108 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad who finds work at New York's Museum of Natural History. At night, all the stuffed animals, dioramas and mannequins come to life and run amok. The plot thickens, but the movie

is mostly all about those eye-popping scenes of lions, zebras, Civil War soldiers and Sacagawea committing sundry acts of mayhem and mischief. (AH)

NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R, 98 minutes) Judi Dench plays Ms. Covett, a salty old pro teaching at an English middle school, and she noted poor Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), the new art teacher, back when she came to the young teacher's rescue as misbehavior threatened to turn her class into anarchy. We watch what we think will unspool as a touching story of human weakness as told from a sympathetic viewpoint, but we soon realize that cheesy uplift is not on the menu. (SH)

THE PAINTED VEIL (PG-13, 125 min-

utes) This high-minded adaptation of an ancient novel by W. Somerset Maugham stars Edward Norton as a stiff research physician who marries a flighty woman played by Naomi Watts. Even though the movie was handsomely shot in the Guangxi province of China, there's almost no engagement with the people, culture and realities of the country in the '20s. (su)

PAN'S LABYRINTH (R, 112 minutes) It's 1944, the fascists have just won Spain's civil war and a girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) is traveling with her mother, Carmen (Ariadna Gil), to live with her new stepfather, a Nationalist army captain named Vidal (Sergi López).

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When Ofelia arrives at her new home, it becomes clear she matters little to Vidal. Ofelia increasingly takes refuge in a richly imagined fantasy life, one that eventually leads her to a faun living in the titular labyrinth on the house's property. With this film, director Guillermo del Toro seems to have created his manifesto, a tour de force of cautionary zeal. humanism and magic. (AH)

THE PRESTIGE (PG, 129 minutes) Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman and Michael Caine, who play feuding magicians and their mentor, respectively. And there's the twisty plot that actually gives viewers a fighting chance to figure things

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out before the Big Reveal. If you see only one magic-at-the-turn-of-the-century movie this year, make it this one. (AH) PRIMEVAL (R, 94 minutes) Lumbering cliches and hilariously bad special effects

make this horror movie about a killer croc

one for the bottom of the swamp. (DT)

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13, 117 minutes) This movie is the biography of a real guy named Christopher Gardner. whom Will Smith, charming and bright, embodies to the fingertips. He is a sales-

man who ends up on the streets — with his son. The movie is almost devised like a rat-in-maze experiment. Every few minutes, some new obstacle comes up for Chris, at which point the film stands back and watches him improvise. (SH)

THE QUEEN (PG-13,99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragicomedy. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (рт)

ROCKY BALBOA (PG, 98 minutes) There's Sylvester Stallone again, sucking down

raw eggs and pounding sides of beef to train for another prime-time bout. It feels like the first fight all over again, and suddenly a silly little movie built entirely on classic hokum seems to matter. Not just because it's one last roundhouse punch at the world of digital zeros and ones. It matters because this boxer taps into the hope that one day we're going to win big. too, after everyone has given up on us. (DT)

STOMP THE YARD (PG-13, 115 minutes) This is really two movies. The first and most forgettable is the old one about a young man finding himself and becoming somebody. The young man is a Los Angeles street dancer named DJ, and at

college he decides to commit to a team sport, and as an athlete finds the respect, the brotherhood, the emotional completion that has been denied him by circumstance and pathology. He leads the team to the nationals. Ho-hum. But the sport isn't basketball or football or anything like that: It's stepping. And that's the second movie. If you've never seen it, it's quite a show. (SH)

VOLVER (R, 121 minutes) Penélope Cruz plays a beleaguered Madrid homemaker at the center of Pedro Almodóvar's warmly seductive movie. She plays Raimunda, an airport cleaner whose quiet heroics take place at home, and she's a subtle revelation. Raimunda's courage is just as compelling as she contends with murder, adultery, incest and beyond-the-grave visits from her mother. (DT)

WE ARE MARSHALL (PG, 125 minutes) As the world's biggest sucker for uplifting jock movies, I can heartily endorse the skillfully manipulative movie, which recounts a West Virginia university's ordeal by tragedy. Matthew McConaughey plays the go-getting leader, and the movie is swift and generally effective. (SH)

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ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) ✓ (11:15 @ 85), 1:45, 4:10,

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) (11:20 @ Ss), 3:20, 7:15, 11:10
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG:) (11:15 @ SS), 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
ROCKY BALBOA (PG:) 5:25, 8:25, 10:55
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G:) (11:10 @ SS), 1:50
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG:13) (10:15 @ SS), 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35

BLOOD DIAMOND (R) (10:30 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:50, 8:05, 11:15 HAPPY FEET (PG) (10:25 @ \$5), 1:10, 3:50

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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

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STOMP THE YARD (PG.13) ✓ 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:30, 6:55, 10:30

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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) [□] □ [□] 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:20, 7:00, 10:40

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APOCALYPTO (R) 12:25 PM, 9:55 PM

BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 12:30, 3:45, 6:55, 10:20

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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:200, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

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7.35, 10:20
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BABEL (R) (10:45 © \$5), 16:30, 455, 800, 16:30
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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) (10:10 © \$5), 12:25, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:30
THE QUEEN (PG 13) (1:15 © \$5), 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35
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LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) 12:40, 4:10, 7:40, 10:55

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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) □ □ □ 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

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ROCKY BALBOA [PG] 4:50, 7:50, 10:40

CHARLOTTE'S WEB [G] 12:00, 2:10

ERAGON [PG] 12:10, 2:30

THE HOLIDAY [PG] 31, 4:30, 7:20, 10:30

BORAT [R] 12:40, 2:40, 5:10, 8:00, 10:05

BORAT (R) 12-40, 2-40, 5-10, 8-00, 10-05
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PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

CHILDREN OF MEN (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30, 11:55

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9:30, 11:55 DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:55, 4:10, 7:25, 10:25

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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG 13) 4:35,7-40, 10:35

PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ 4:20,7:20,10:00

STOMP THE YARD (PG 13) ✓ 4:50,8:00,10:45

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG 13) 5:45,8:10,10:45

HAPPILY WEVER AFTER (PG) 5:40,8:10,10:25

BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 7:30,9:40

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 5:10,8:00,10:40

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 4:15

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYWESS (PG 13) 4:45,7:45,10:45

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PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:20

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:2:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

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PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
THE PAINTED VEIL (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
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THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:45, 6:25, 9:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
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Short reviews

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FILMS

Reviews of new kidand family-oriented films

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Television



EVERYBODY LOVES A TRAIN WRECK: An estimated 36.9 million people watched "American Idol" on Fox Wednesday night, only slightly down from the 37.3 million who tuned in for Tuesday's season premiere. (AP)

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

DAVID BRENT IN A SPACE HELMET?

A wonderful space spoof, blending elements of "Star Wars" and "The Office," HYPERDRIVE (Fri., 9 p.m., BBC America) follows the intergalactic adventures of the HMS Camden Lock, a space cruiser where the crew is a tad odd. The action takes place in the year 2151, on "Bring Your Clone to Work Day," to be exact. The HMS Camden Lock is at risk of being reduced to the "Brat Run," ferrying juvenile tourists from Earth to the moon. Commander Henderson (Nick Frost, "Shaun of the Dead") tries to keep his job by conducting trade missions to far off and occasionally hostile galaxies. "Hyperdrive" is a wonderful send-up of British understatement and superpower insecurity.

YET HE'S NOT PSYCHIC! HA, HA, HA The comedy PSYCH (Fri., 10 p.m., USA) enters its second season. James Roday stars as a police consultant so quick and perceptive that people think he's psychic. ANDERSON COOPER NEVER RESTS CNN launches the new weekend series SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (Sat. & Sun...

8 p.m.). The program will employ the net-



ASTRO NOTS: The rumpled, motley crew of the Brit space spoof "Hyperdrive."

work's stable of journalists, including Christiane Amanpour, anchors Anderson Cooper and Soledad O'Brien and others to offer hour-long, in-depth reports in areas pertinent to their expertise. "Unit" kicks off with Amanpour's report "The War Within," a look at the growing problem of extremism in Britain's Muslim communities.

SORCERER SHERLOCK HOLMES

Forget Harry Potter: Wizard Harry Dresden (Paul Blackthorne) operates like a private eye. Unlike Sam Spade, Harry's "cases" tend to involve the supernatural, and every episode of **THE DRESDEN FILES** (Sun., 9 p.m., Sci Fi) offers new light on his irregular life and background. Raised by a failed stage magician single dad, Harry discovers that his mother died under mysterious circumstances that may have something to do with her ties to the magic realm. Harry's confidant, Bob (Terrence Mann), appears to be some kind of ghost — the

spirit of a wizard once associated with Harry's uncle, who Harry may have killed. All of these mysteries unfold in good time. New episodes of BATTLESTAR GALACTICA (10 p.m.) follow "Dresden" as the superior space drama moves from Fridays to Sunday nights.

THE CROC HUNTER'S FINAL BOW The documentary OCEAN'S DEADLIEST

(Sun., 8 p.m., Animal Planet) looks at some of the venomous sharks, snakes and salt-water crocodiles lurking just off the coast of Australia. This film was also the final documentary made with naturalist Steve Irwin, who was killed during its production. "Deadliest" also looks back at Irwin's life and work.

BETTER HANG ON TO YOURSELF

The efforts of Andy (Ricky Gervais) to share a posh VIP lounge with David Bowie bring about unexpected results on EXTRAS (Sun., 10 p.m., HBO).



'DRESDEN' DOLL: Paul Blackthorne plays a private eye who's also a wizard.

MIDDLE EAST MERCENARIES

EXPLORER: IRAQ'S GUNS FOR HIRE (Sun., 9 p.m., National Geographic) looks at the men who work as private-security contractors in the war zone's deadliest districts. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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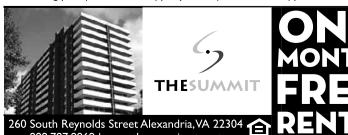
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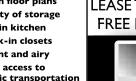
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Drinks

Coffee storms the home front with high-tech methods

In an era when \$5 fancy coffee drinks are the norm, a growing number of people are willing to invest \$1,000 or more to make the perfect cup of coffee at home.

Seduced by the gleaming, multilevered, counter-hogging machines that have begun crowding catalogs and showrooms, more people are willing to spend more money (sometimes significantly so) in pursuit of that perfect cup of Joe.

Today, it's not uncommon to find homes better equipped than the local Starbucks. And sensing a trend, the kitchen products industry has worked hard to make sure big spenders have plenty to spend

For example, Cooking.com offers a combination coffee and espresso "center" with multiple heads, plumb-in filtration, a volumetric pump and integrated burr grinder. And all for a mere \$3,500 or so.

Even bargain-driven retailer Target offers several \$1,000-plus machines on its Web site.

And people are buying them. Sales of coffee and espresso machines costing more than \$100 jumped by 42 percent during the past year, according to consumer research firm NPD Group.

High-end machines are seeing similar growth. At Internet kitchen goods retailer Cooking.com, sales of espresso machines costing \$1,000 or more increased by 56 percent between 2004 and 2005, says spokesman John Gabaldon.

And out of this caffeine-driven frenzy arose a passionate subgroup - espresso drinkers.

Espresso always has been more a technological artifact than a simple beverage. Without high, stable pres-



techies have ... pushed it in a direction far beyond what it was. They're real control freaks."

PETER LYNAGH. TERROIR

sure and water temperature, espresso will be sour or bitter, or fail to achieve its distinguishing complex aroma and syrupy texture.

Pulling a shot of espresso (as the making of one is called) is like "a small-scale shuttle launch," says Peter Lynagh, who heads quality control at coffee pioneer George



Howell's company, Terroir, a | DRINK MASTER: Computer consultant Hugh McMillan prepares a drink with his high-end, \$1,500 Isomac espresso machine.

high-end coffee roaster based in Acton, Mass.

"It's really quite difficult, and you want everything to go right. A lot of these techies have developed the machine, pushed it in a direction far beyond what it was originally. They're very uncompromising, real control freaks," he said.

Getting that right is the perfect excuse for spending lots of money on machines up to the task. And if you're going to spend plenty on the machine, you aren't likely to settle for just any old coffee beans.

Howell, whose company specializes in single-origin coffees, says many consumers are even roasting their own beans. These are "coffee fanatics who drink their coffee like they drink their wine."

Hugh McMillan is one such consumer. The Salisbury, Conn., computer consultant dates his own coffee obsession to a demonstration of a high-end Jura Swiss automatic espresso machine in a kitchen store three years ago.

"It was absolutely delicious," he said. The beans? "Maxwell House."

McMillan reasoned that if the results were so outstanding with a commercial brand he'd never consider buying, imagine the results with his own beans.

Today, his gear includes a \$1,500 Isomac espresso machine, a Mazzer Mini electronic burr grinder, a professional "knock box" and rubber pads for knocking out the machine's portafilter (the filter containing the



McMillan's espresso machine costs \$1,500. All it does is make drinks.

espresso grounds), an Espro tamper from Canada with a spring mechanism to prevent McMillan from exceeding 30 pounds of pressure when tamping the grounds, and a dedicated milk-frothing thermometer.

All for a 1 1/2-ounce shot of espresso? For McMillan and coffee lovers like him, it's just the beginning.

He worries about the angle of his portafilter's handle. He frets when the cows change from summer to winter feed, because the milk doesn't froth as well.

And maybe he should have spent more on his espresso machine.

"Who knows, maybe another \$500 would have gotten me a sexier lever," he says. T. Susan Chang (AP)



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A Younger, Healthier Fleet

TRANSIT | Metrobuses aren't breaking down as often as they once were, Metro reported on Thursday.

According to an agency press release: "In December 2006, the "mean distance between failure rate" for Metrobus was 8,618 miles. a 13 percent increase over November 2006, and a 36 percent increase from December 2005. The mean distance between failure rate is a standard transit measurement."

The transit agency added 417 new buses to its fleet, bringing the average Metrobus age to 6.6 years. michael grass (express)

Speed Camera Corridor

TRAFFIC | D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty's neighborhood services coordi-

nator, Alice Thompson, gave a presentation at this week's Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C meeting. One Bloomingdale-based blogger, IMGOPH.BLOGSPOT.COM, was concerned "with some of her glib assertions," like promises "that speed cameras would be coming for every block" of North Capitol Street between New York Avenue and Michigan Avenue. (If that's the Fenty administration's intention, that's 1.34 miles of continuous speed cameras.) M.G.

Armchair Analysis

IDOL CHATTER | Express' Arion Berger, like a deer caught in headlines, couldn't look away from this week's resurrection of Fox's hit show "Amer-



TOGETHER AGAIN: The "AI" gang is back, and the singing's still shoddy.

ican Idol" and gave a full report of the action on READEXPRESS.COM. Here's an excerpt:

"Simon hates Blake Lewis on sight. I get it — boy-band hair, v. v. pleased with himself. But he beatboxes! Awesomely. And sings

Seal's 'Crazy' in a really self-satisfied manner that Simon HATES. He's in. Blake won't last. His dad cries (aww).

"And then there are twins Shyamala and Sanjaya Malakar. Shyamala is cute and shy and sings the sultry 'Summertime' in a sweet, springlike voice, a given for Malakars far and wide as she is the acknowledged best singer in the family. Then cuter, shyer Sanjaya blows the judges away with his betterness than his sister, and he cutely won't tell his family that Simon Daddy likes him better. They are both through but will leave the show when the CW contract for the post-ethnic Donny & Marie show comes through."

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Live Online

On the Marc

Post columnist MARC FISHER was online Thursday to discuss the Virginia debate over an official apology for slavery, "NoVa" vs. "RoVa" and that house overlooking Rock Creek Park.

I e-mailed Delegate [Frank] Hargrove criticizing his remarks and



he responded, saying I "misinterpreted" his remarks, and that he was simply making a rhetorical point. Frankly, statements

like Hargrove's make Southerners look like a bunch of ignorant crackers who are itching to pull their white sheets out of the closet and go on parade. He is an embarrassment.

Ah, but I would have predicted that Frank Hargrove would get back to you as promptly as he did; he's a throwback to another era, and his view of the world is all too black and white, but he's also what we need more of in legislatures: a guy who's in it to serve and to represent people, not to line his pockets.

I suspect that the differences between NoVa and RoVa over traffic and taxes are only the edge of the wedge - the two pieces of Virginia are, in the near future, going to become a classic political division — much like the division between New York City and upstate New York or between Chicago and downstate Illinois.

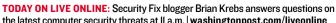
Oh, I think it's there already, don't you? This is a classic cultural divide, and it's got all the elements: Rich, secular, urban, increasingly blue part of the state feels like it's subsidizing the more struggling, religious, rural, solidly red part of the state.

Have you been following the story about how the D.C. government now has to pay \$1.5 million to some lawyer who built a house overlooking Rock Creek Park and it's in someone's back yard? I don't know who the worse offender here is: the arrogant lawyer or the incompetent D.C. government. The ones I feel for are the neighbors.

You feel for the neighbors? But they got just what they wanted! They got the house torn down and they got their legal fees reimbursed. I've searched and I can't find a sympathetic side to this one.



TAKE YOUR TIME. Riddles seems to have become a lost art. People just don't have the patience to mull something trivial during the course of a few days. Now the picture riddles at Ouverture-facile.com are the latest comeback attempt. Remember: Self-satisfaction eludes those who cheat after the first 30 seconds.



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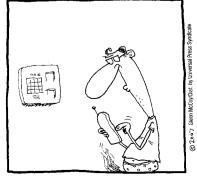








The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lessons others have learned before you are sure to mean more to you toward the end of this busy day than they have before. You'll see the light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The road before you may seem long, but you can measure your progress in small increments and feel that you're making real headway. Perception is all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't let yourself be a naysayer. The moment you think a negative thought, focus on the positive right in front of you. Smile a lot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It may be difficult for you to get back on track, but once you set foot outside the door you'll feel as though the stars favor your efforts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can keep distractions at bay and still have enough going on around you to keep you fully interested and entertained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid bitterness at all costs. You can't afford to make

a potentially difficult emotional situation even more difficult. Be supportive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Once you take the time to look around, you'll realize a few things that will help you come up with the right answers to some hard questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A slow, organic progression may be resulting at this time in a change of attitude — and someone close to you is likely to notice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you find yourself far from home, you can ease any heartache by communing closely with those who share your point of view.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A memory may prompt you to do something you swore you would never do. Once again, you're learning the lesson — never say never. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be surprised to learn a friend is not exactly what he or she seems to be — but the truth is surely something you can work with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A social situation is no time for tending to singularly personal issues. You'll want to keep things light and easily accessible to all.

Letters

Raise Off-Peak Fares

IF METRO RIDERS WERE completely free to choose their travel time, they would tend to migrate to times with lower fares and/or more roomy accommodations seen during offpeak hours. However, most must go

to work at the times scheduled by their employers. To take advantage of their inability to shift their travel times by charging more during those times seems ruthless. Instead of raising the peak-hour travel rates, Metro should increase the fare for off-peak hour travel to raise needed revenue.

- CARL TOEPEL Arlington, Va.

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Today in History

1937 Millionaire Howard Hughes sets a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes, 25 seconds.

1944 The federal government relinquishes control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

1970 President Nixon nominates G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination is defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.



President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, also known as "Tokyo Rose."

1977 In one of his last acts in office, President Ford pardons Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who'd made wartime broadcasts for Japan.

People



"My exquisite profile could fell armies."

Brangelina Taunt Fragile City With Hope of Presence

Neighbors are hopeful that BRAD PITT and ANGELINA JOLIE will stay in New Orleans' French Quarter, where they're living in an early-1830s masonry mansion. A local said the street was closed off while the pair moved in earlier this month. Pitt's latest film has been filming in the city since November. (AP)

OUCH

Broker's Fees: There's No Escape. Even for the Rich



JERRY SEINFELD'S Manhattan home is going to cost more than he thought. A Manhattan judge has ruled Seinfeld

owes \$100,000 as a commission to the broker who found the town house on the Upper West Side. (AP)



12 Clubs Go Under

LINDSAY LOHAN has checked into rehab. "I have made a proactive decision to take care of my personal health. I appreciate your well wishes and ask that you please respect my privacy at this time," she said in a statement. Us Weekly reported that Lohan entered the Wonderland Center in Los Angeles on Wednesday, arriving in an SUV and clutching a Jamba Juice. (AP)

OOH, SNAP

Clearly, Jon **Stewart Was Not Available That Week**

STEPHEN COLBERT

and Blake Edwards will be honored at the upcoming U.S. Comedy Arts Festival. Colbert, host of "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central, will receive the inaugural Person of the Year Award. Edwards will Sadly, his face later froze that way.

be honored in the Filmmaker Tribute, organizers said Wednesday. The festival runs Feb. 28-

March 4 in Aspen. Edwards, 84, has directed some four dozen films, including "10" and "Victor/ Victoria." He received an honorary Oscar in 2004. (AP)

PUDLINK

Sign Entering Town Now Says: 'Usher Sped Here'

USHER has been found guilty of speeding in a July 4 incident in which he was pulled over Cartersville, Ga., for driving 103 mph. He



appeared in court Tuesday and was fined \$425 and told to perform 20 hours of community service. (AP)



Saying It to Say You Didn't Say It Is as Bad as Saying It

GLAAD demanded an apology from ISAIAH WASHINGTON for comments made following the Golden Globe Awards. "No, I did not call T.R. [Knight] a faggot," he told reporters post-Golden Globes. On Wednesday, Neil Giuliano, president of GLAAD, said he had contacted Washington's reps: "Washington's repeated use of it on-set and in the media is simply inexcusable." (AP)



GLAAD wants Isaiah Washington, right, to apologize for his comments.

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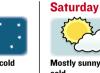
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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur. **Temperature**

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Normal year to date	1.91"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, decreasingly cloudy, windy. High 46. Wind northwest I2-25 mph. Tonight, clear, windy, cold. Low 27. Wind northwest 12-25 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:02 a.m.
Moonset today	5:53 p.m.

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National Weather for Friday, January 19

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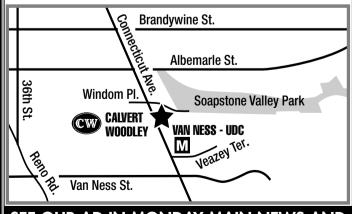
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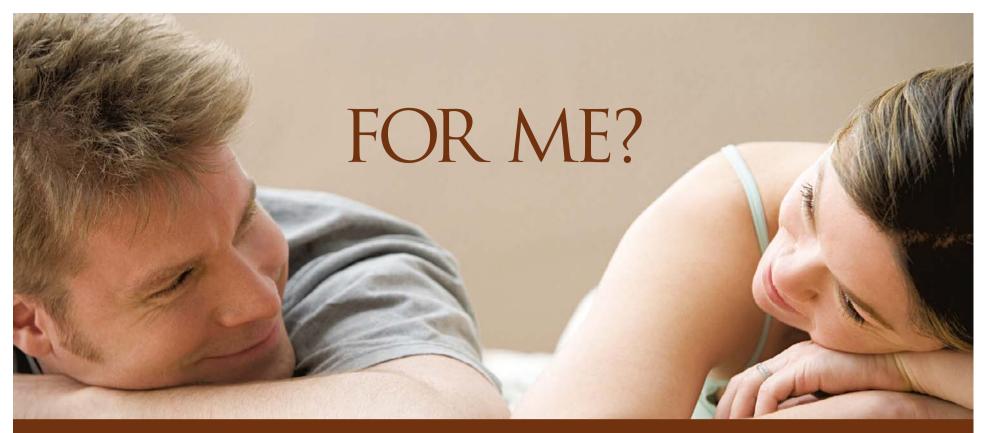
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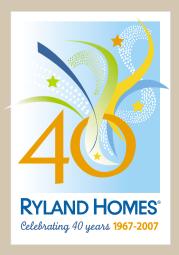
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face time

■ On screens big and small, actor Ed Begley Jr. has played characters from an awkward young doctor ("St. Elsewhere") and a Swedish folk expert ("A Mighty Wind") to a dean at a crime-laden college ("Veronica Mars"). In real life, Begley is an avid environmentalist who lives in an L.A. house with solar panels and drives an electric car. He and his wife, actress Rachelle Carson, are currently starring in HGTV's new reality show, "Living with Ed."

How long have you been living green? It really started in the 1970s, when I got my first electric car and started composting and recycling. My catalyst was the smog in L.A. And having been a Boy Scout, I liked the outdoors. Then, in the 1990s, I took it to another level and put in the solar panels.

What's been the most surprising by-product of living this way?

It's been good for my bottom line! I never thought I'd save money doing this, but the solar panels eventually paid themselves off. Other things pay for themselves more quickly, like energy-saving light bulbs and thermostats.

You and your wife don't always agree on green projects, do you?

I think I've had some impact on her. But she's had a positive impact on the house as far as aesthetics go. When she moved in, she thought the front yard looked like the Addams Family lived here — it was full of drought-friendly plants. But she had me put in things that were attractive as well, so now it uses very little water and looks great.

Tell me about your electric car.

It's a [Toyota] RAV4, and I'm driving it now. You wouldn't know it was electric if it weren't for the stickers. You can go 80 miles an hour in it, if you wish to break the law.



Ed Begley Jr.

ACTOR, ECO-WARRIOR, "LIVING WITH ED" STAR

You even put your name on an ecofriendly cleaning product.

Yeah, Begley's Best (begleys best.com). It's all plant-based things, citrus and pine. I'm also big on baking soda. You don't need Comet and all that harsh stuff.

You do some of your cooking on a solar stove, right?

Yeah, you can cook rice, beans and

make soups. It doesn't get to 425 degrees, which you need for many recipes. But I use it whenever I can, unless it's a cloudy day. Why would you ever use a flame to boil water in California?

You're a big vegan cook — what are some of your favorite recipes?

I make a nice vegetarian curry. It's a three-hour process where "I got my first electric car and started recycling. My catalyst was the smog in L.A."

I roast mustard, coriander and cumin seeds, saute mushrooms and broccoli and make a broth from tomatoes. I also make shiitake mushrooms with lemon and basil.

How does your wife, who isn't a vegan, react to your concoctions? Rachelle seems to like what I cook.

Rachelle seems to like what I cook. If she wants a piece of salmon, I'll cook it for her. I'm not a dictator.

You use a stationary bike to make toast. Are there other people-powered appliances in your house?

I use my traditional bicycle to run errands. There's no other transportation device that can take me 30 miles on a bowl of rice and an ear of corn. Jennifer Barger (express)



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"Here! [whips out Altoids-like tin from purse] Have a truffle." In the only transport innovation to hit chocolate since the wrapper, Hershey's Cacao Reserve milk and dark chocolate bonbons now come in tin boxes of eight. The suaveness of having truffles on one's person at all times is tempting. Problem: The candy is, too.



Letter Perfect

THE DEAD OF WINTER is no excuse to look dead yourself. The limited-edition Dior Beauty Confidential palette (\$55, Nordstrom) combines sheer bronzing powder and a touchof-color gloss that can freshen most faces. When closed. the compact looks like a wee aluminum envelope.

USB IS TIRED. The interface (aka "those little rectangular slots on the computer") powers all sorts of silly gizmos, from drink warmers to mini aquariums. FireWire, though, remains pure. Cool. Uncorrupted. Worthy of LaCie's mod, smokestack-evoking speakers (\$79, lacie.com). No batteries or outlet required — they run off the FireWire port on a laptop or desktop. With optional audio and AC adapters, they'll befriend MP3 players, too.



Totally Fly THE WORD "NIDO" means "bird's nest" in Spanish, so Jackie Rocha chose it for her Georgetown shop (1425 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5445), a "nesting ground" for young designers. There's some apparel, but Nido mainly trades in accessories like this hand-painted leather-and-bamboo bag (\$160), "Imagine" gloves (\$95) and metal flower rings (\$45).





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Silver Spring company, which brews the tasty duo of Golden

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dear **manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

Could you suggest a nice pair of tall leather boots for winter wear? -ERIC

■ Manolo says, the Manolo has the single commandment about the boots and the shoes for the men: You cannot wear the shoes that would potentially appear in the closet of the Argentine tango pimp.

You know the sort of the shoes the Manolo is talking about, with the overly pointy toes and the bizarre details like the Maltese cross cutouts. shoes which have weird colors and



are made from the exotic leathers like the wildebeest and the pit viper and the Vietnamese potbellied pig. Men's shoes must be of the traditional cut, color and materials. It is the quality of the workmanship and the fineness of the details that should distinguish the men's shoe.

Of the course, the exception to the rule is the choice of sneaker, where the man may go as wild as his infantile heart desires. Do vou wish new sneakers with the hydraulic springs in the heels and the USB port in the toe? Do they come in lime green with the purple laces and the Linux operating system? Manolo says, go for it.

As for the boots for winter, the Manolo recommends the Brando Engineer boot from Frye (\$240, zappos.com), for its classic styling and durable nature.

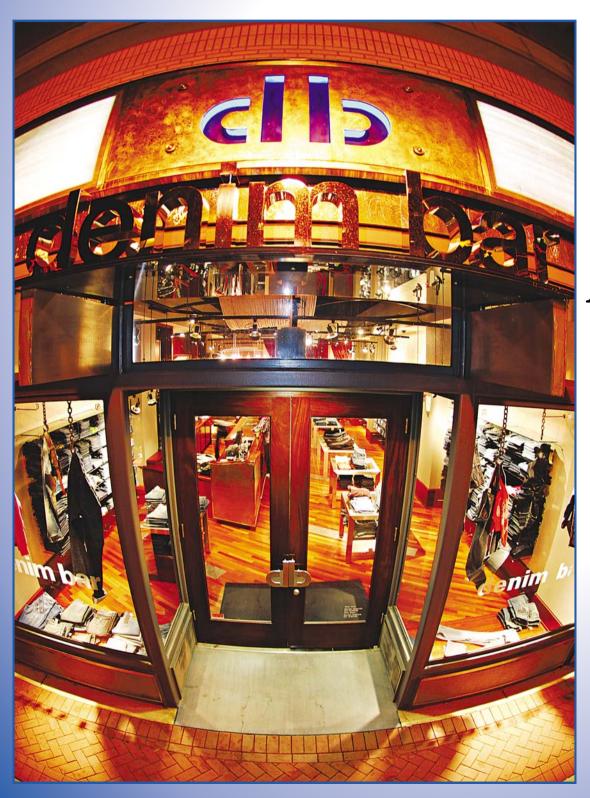


Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

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Pizza parties grow up and get a gourmet makeover

Greasy boxes of Domino's and a 2-liter bottle of Coke is no one's idea of fine dining — at least, no one over the age of 14. But pizza's reputation is on the rise in the Washington area, which has experienced a boom in classy pizza joints in the past few months with the opening of Bethesda's Mia's Pizzas, Rosslyn's Piola and Comet Ping-Pong (upper Connecticut Avenue). "It's something other than that frozen dough and gooey cheese we grew up with," said Melissa Balinger, owner of Mia's.

Roberto Donna's Bebo Trattoria is still awaiting a permit for its oven, but in a few weeks, expect stellar slices in Crystal City, too. "Traditional pizza is not a pie. It's a very thin crust with a thin layer of toppings. I make pizza," he boasted.

And if one of the most renowned chefs in town thinks pizza deserves space on his table, it's probably also worthy of yours. The once lowbrow cuisine may even impress guests at a swanky dinner party if you give it the Cinderella treatment. All you need, according to 2 Amys' Edan McQuaid (who's arranged for semiformal pizza gatherings for customers), is "good dough, quality toppings and a really hot fire."

That's the chosen method of Jim Difede, who purchased a woodburning oven for his summer house on Cape Cod three years ago and is planning to install a second one in his primary residence in Bethesda. "I grew up on Long Island, where pizza is a religion," explained the 47-year-old attorney of his lifelong quest to create the perfect pizza. Now he whips up dough from scratch with imported Italian flour, makes his own fresh mozzarella ("You can buy the curd. It's very easy.") and crushes tomatoes to concoct his sauce.

Then he fires up the oven and



When serving pizza, you should "use nice dishes. You want it to look good as well as taste good," said Melissa Balinger, the owner of Mia's Pizzas in Bethesda.

invites a gang to socialize over his crusty delights. "I start with a great salad, a basic wine. Then people get up and help make the pizza," he said. "It's such a familial meal."

Part of the joy of home pizzamaking is the ability to pick whatever toppings you want. Difede's new favorite holds smoked mozzarella, fresh ricotta, arugula, truffle oil and pine nuts.

"You can do anything with pizza. There are an infinite number of things to play with," agreed Ruth Gesser, the owner/chef of Pizzeria Paradiso. Hate tomatoes or cheese? Then smother your dough with seafood and roasted vegetables. Gesser's latest experiment involved a mix of mascarpone and ricotta cheeses, topped with pear slices roasted with onions and thyme and finished with slices of prosciutto di Parma.

But most pizza pundits warn that simplicity is best. "Two or three toppings is better than five or six,"

PIZZA PARTIES 101

There are three ways to put pizza to the table. You can make it, bake it (the right way) or fake it:

A regular home oven isn't ideal for pizza because it won't go above 500 degrees. So you'll need a pizza stone (good ones start at around \$30) to bake the crust faster. Difede relies on Trader Joe's dough in a bind, but he prefers making his own — see pizzamaking.com for recipes.

Wood-fired ovens make the best pizza. But getting one installed at home requires lots of backyard space and could cost many thousands of dollars. Difede (like many restaurateurs) went with the popular Wood Stone brand (woodstonehome.com).

There's no shame in takeout. No one will complain about eating out of a 2 Amys box. Donna said. "And don't put on too much sauce. Control your instinct or it becomes soggy."

Add other elements to the feast via appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. Donna is partial to dried meats ("Something salty wakes up your appetite"), while Gesser would opt for a light salad, vegetable or soup. Hosts must remember that

"Pizza is not a pie. It's a very thin crust with a thin layer of toppings."

pizza is a substantial food, Balinger advised, so something like steamed mussels is a better choice than a heavy dish.

And with these elegant pizzas, you'll want to upgrade from soda in plastic cups. For wines, a hearty Italian red, like a barbera or chianti, is always a safe call. "Think about the overall feel of the pizza. If it's big and robust, with salami, hot peppers and speck [cured ham], you want a big beer or wine to go with it. You don't want a light white wine," Gesser explained.

At Pizzeria Paradiso, the staff has worked out beer pairings worth stealing — pilsners go with anchovies, for instance, and Belgian pale ales complement dried meats. In late February, they're launching a series of beer-pairing workshops specific to their pizza menu (call 202-337-1245), so diners can learn to harmoniously match brews and food.

No matter which direction you choose for the menu, at the end of the meal, everyone will end up at the same place: dessert. Gesser suggested a fruit dish, like baked pears. But you're more likely to follow Difede's lead. "You've got to have cannolis," he said. (He buys the pastry shells frozen, but he may start making his own, too.) Now that's a party you can't help but want to be invited to.

bash in a flash



Good, Clean, Terrifying Fun

■ Hey, hey! January is National Clown Month, and that either means a month of slapstick and merriment, or pure terror, depending on whether you suffer from coulrophobia.

"You can learn to be a clown, but there are also clowns that are born to be clowns," said Karen McCarty, associate creative director of health and community programs for the Big Apple Circus, and a clown herself. Clowns, she said, "are able to find humor in anything." And unlike actors, they "have contact with their audiences. There's no fourth wall."

For a clown party, that means setting a scene in which guests feel free to laugh at themselves and each other. McCarty suggests setting up stations where people can learn to juggle (kits are available for \$25 at higginsbrothers.com) or perform simple magic tricks ("Magic Tricks for Grownups" by Jon Tremain, \$15, is a good resource).

Home cotton candy machines are available from cottoncandyexpress.com for \$60, and vintage-style popcorn carts can be had at snappypopcorn.com for \$264, plus shipping. Finally, cream pies, from any source, are good for both throwing and eating. Jamie page deaton



Gastronomic Festival, diners can feast on a buffet featuring native ingredients and sample pisco. (Mon.-Fri., lunch \$25, dinner \$50, 921-J Ellsworth Ave., Silver Spring, 301-608-0081)

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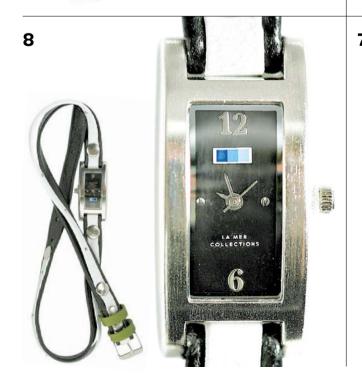




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L.A.M.B., \$475

A Goth knockout from Gwen Stefani's design house festoons an enameled bracelet with crystals. Don it for nights out in the limo or eves in watching "Buffy" DVDs. (zappos.com)

TAG HEUER FORMULA ONE, \$950 Retro race cars inspired this men's model boasting Swiss tech and American looks. Also special: a steely case and colorful face. (Tiny Jewel Box, 1147 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-393-2747)

ANDY WARHOL FLAG, \$150 It's easy to determine when your 15 minutes of fame start (and end) with one of Seiko's pop-y, top-selling new Warhol watches. Other limited-edition plastic faces on leather straps depict Factory-made bananas and flowers. (15minutesof.com)

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JUICY COUTURE, \$350 A crown-shaped watchface dangles from steely chains laced with velvet on this regally fashionable bauble. Wear it with bracelet-length sleeves to show it off. (\$350, Nordstrom)

ALESSI BUCKLE, \$135 ALESSI BUCKLE, \$150

Like a piece of contemporary art for your forearm, Spanish

designer Patricia Urquiola's ticker marries a red case to a khaki leather strap. An optional matching lanyard turns it into a timely necklace. (watch \$135, lanyard \$20, momastore.org)

FENDI ZIP CODE, \$795 Late for lunch, principessa? Never, when wearing this Italian designer's wide-banded wonder, which spells out the hours and minutes with gem-encrusted numerals. (Nordstrom, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, 703-415-1121)

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To not let you drunk-dial."





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1. "Car-wash," Kyle Johnson, left. "Dispense chocolate," Stacy McLaughlin, 2. "Not let vou drunk-dial." Alex Moylan. left. "Teleportation," Quinn Schmiege, center. "A cash machine." Nasseem Ramin. 3. "X-ray vision." Tarek Kholoussi. 4. "Play MP3s," Heather Beck, left. "Drunk-dial prevention." Daniel Hatcher, center, "E-mail access and camera," Alan Kissick. 5. "A tanning booth you could flip out," Mauricio Hernandez, left, "Camcorder, camera, PDA, MP3 player," Rudy Alvarez, center. "I wish it had a laser beam that could heat things on the spot," Mike Trask. 6. "A GPS system — I'm always lost," Maha Masud, left. "The ability to transport me to the person I'm talking to," Mana Razavi, center. "I have a \$600 PocketPC — I'm good," Marsha Jackson. 7. "I hate how I have to guess when the bus is coming," Jim Chip, left. "To tell me when things are on sale at the grocery store," Sharon Brett. 8. "I want to know who has my cell phone number," Megan Woods, left. "To teleport," Lindsay Lanciault. 9. "I'm just happy mine makes phone calls," Ryan Smith. 10. "Breathalyzer, because it would help me decide who the cutest girls at the bar are," Brad Mednick, left. "Order Chipotle," Nick Fadciewicz. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



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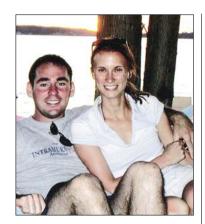


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Kimberly Arnold, Kevin Barker

Kim, 29, is an engineering consultant for the Department of the Navy. Kevin, 27, is a business applications manager for Freddie Mac. They live in Arlington.

- The Main Event: A semiformal event for 250 guests in Baltimore on June 30.
- **How They Met:** At the Madhatter, while both were out with friends.
- First Date: "Our first date was the night after Hurricane Isabel and Kevin originally wanted to take me to Faccia Luna in Clarendon, but the whole block

was out of power. We had to drive around until we found that II Radicchio was open."

- How He Proposed: "On the beach, just after sunset, while on vacation in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic," said Kevin. "About half an hour prior to the proposal, he had a serious conversation about how he wasn't ready to settle down," said Kim. "In the meantime, the ring was in his pocket!"
- Making It Unique: "We're having a couple of close friends paint artwork that represents both of us to have on display at the cocktail hour." said Kim.
- Family Traditions: "My dad has a habit of seriously hurting himself at each of my siblings' weddings," said Kevin. "We joke that we need to equip him with a helmet and give an ambulance escort."

"It totally threw me for a loop when he got down on one knee."



Two Left Feet, One Love

Living together is a step many couples take. They just rarely do it when they're still in their teens. BROOKE COALE and JOHN KRAPF, however, attended the same boarding school. They were assigned to a dance project together, but "Brooke couldn't dance to save her life. It was hard not to notice her," said John. Though they were always together at school, "our 'official' first date was a trip to Providence, R.I.," said Brooke. "We saw 'Joe Dirt.' All the other movies were sold out that day."

John proposed during a family cruise celebrating Brooke's grandparents' 60th anniversary. "I was so surprised, I started screaming," said Brooke. "My whole family was in on it and immediately rushed over and started cheering and taking pictures. It was incredible to share that experience with everyone I love."

Brooke, 24, is an operations specialist at the Corporate Executive Board. John, 24, is a business student at Goldey-Beacom College. They will marry on June 2 and live in Wilmington, Del., after the wedding.



Eric Garnett, Sarah Rogers

Eric, 33, owns a small business.

Sarah, 27, is a consultant. They live in Washington.

- The Main Event: A nondenominational, outdoor wedding at Fort McNair for 180 quests on April 7.
- How They Met: Sarah's roommate introduced them. "He was having a Columbus Day barbecue and he invited her and told her to bring her roomies," said Sarah
- First Impressions: "I thought she was cute but klutzy," said Eric. "She spilled a bottle of beer on my carpet minutes after arriving!" "I thought he looked like Andrew McCarthy," said Sarah.
- First Date: At a club on 18th Street.
- How He Proposed: During a surprise birthday trip to the Inn at Little Washington. "I had given the ring to the maître d'earlier," said Eric. "I saw our server waiting for my cue, so I gave her a nod." "All of a sudden, there was a gold dome in front of me, the server lifted it to reveal the ring, and Eric was down on one knee," said Sarah. "I just sobbed."
- Making It Unique: "We didn't know it when we booked, but our wedding night is the night of the Cherry Blossom Festival fireworks. We will have a fantastic view!" said Sarah.



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How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of Weekend Styles.

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